

## Leviticus Overview

The continuation of the Torah...written by Moses

Not until the writing of the Septuagint were the current book divisions made

We've come thru Genesis and Exodus.

Who has been thru a study in Leviticus?

Are you excited?

You should be!

Leviticus...“The Law of the Priests”...the 3<sup>rd</sup> Book of Moses, is

- a book of priestly instruction
- the LORD's guide book on how to worship, serve, and obey the holy God

Timeframe:

Ex 40:2, the raising of the Tabernacle, was in the first month of the second year

Num 1:1 begins in the second month of the second year

The central truth of Leviticus is holiness...

- the holiness of God
- the expected holiness of His priests and people

1 Peter 1:16 quoting Lev 19:2

1 Peter 2:5, 9

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

The book is detailed and tedious...how are we to understand and apply it?

Scripture interprets Scripture

Where is Jesus? (John 5:39)

The book can be divided into 2 sections

1. Sacrifice (Ch 1-17) – made holy unto God
  - a. laws of sacrifice (Ch 1-7)
  - b. consecration of Aaron and his sons (Ch 8-10)
  - c. clean vs unclean animals and the removal of defilements (Ch 11-15)
  - d. Atonement of sin (Ch 16-17)
  
2. Sanctification (Ch 18-27) – walking with the holy God
  - a. social order, sexual sin, and spiritual fornication (Ch 18-20)
  - b. priests and sacrifices (Ch 21-22)
  - c. Holy days and years and daily worship (Ch 23-25)
  - d. Obedience and consecration of “common” things (Ch 26-27)

In Leviticus we learn that fellowship with the holy God is

- accomplished by blood sacrifice
- maintained by obedience to His Word

The lesson of Leviticus is the essence of the NT

Leviticus will show us why the Son of God had to come to earth and die:

Unholy (fallen) man cannot make himself holy (Is 64:6)

The dead (in sin) cannot remove his sin and regenerate his dead spirit

The holy, Living God alone can do those things...must do them if there is to be a reconciliation between Creator and beloved creature made in his image

The only acceptable sacrifice for sin of man is the blood of the Lamb of God

By grace thru faith in Him and His finished work, man is saved

By obeying the Word of God is man sanctified...a holy life

The message to every unbeliever:

**Repent!**

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Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

## Leviticus Chapter 1

Burnt offering:

totally consumed in the fire...100% consecrated unto the LORD

3 kinds, depending on one's material blessings

1. bull (v3-9)
2. sheep or goat (v10-13)
3. turtledove or young pigeon (v14-17)

4 participants in sacrifice and in worship:

The LORD

the priest

the offender/worshipper

the offering/sacrifice

v1-2 an offering...of the herd and of the flock:

The LORD speaks to Moses from His house (Ex 40).

“If any one brings Me an offering, it must be a living sacrifice...  
from the herds of cattle or the flocks of sheep and goats.”

1<sup>st</sup> Requirement of Sacrifices: Living...warm-blooded life, not plant life  
An innocent substitute must die if fallen man is to fellowship with  
the holy God

A truth seen in Gen 3 (Adam & Eve) and Gen 4 (Cain & Abel)

v3 If...of the herd:

Now notice some other requirements for an acceptable sacrifice:

- male
- perfect...without blemish

Also notice that the one bringing the sacrifice must do so voluntarily...  
reflecting a heart desiring fellowship with the LORD

Once the heart is willing to fellowship, a selection is made regarding  
the offering...male and perfect

v4 put his hand upon the head...accepted...atonement:  
Next, a transfer of guilt and sin is made from the offender/worshipper to the perfect, innocent, living bull.  
And the living offering is accepted as the substitute, making the offender/worshipper acceptable...because guilt has been transferred from one to the other

We will take a closer look at this in a moment...

v5 kill the bullock before the LORD:  
The selection has been made, the transfer of sin has been made...  
now the substitution must be made...and the bull dies

The living offering must die...because  
sin separates fallen man from the holy God  
(Gen 3:22-24, Is 59:1-2)  
the sin of the offender/worshipper now lies on the perfect,  
innocent substitute  
the wages of sin is death

The blood of the burnt offering, sprinkled all over the altar by the priests,  
“covered” (atoned for) the offender/worshipper’s sin  
could not cover future sin...another innocent sacrifice will have to  
die for future sin  
could not remove sin

Who killed the bullock?  
The offender/worshipper  
Whose plan of worship is this?  
The holy God’s

Acts 4:27-28

From our vantage point in Leviticus...

Looking back on the “lamb of God”:

Gen 3:21

Gen 22:8

Looking forward to The Lamb of God:

Is 53:4-6, 10-11

John 1:29 take away...not cover

2 Cor 5:21

John 19:30

Fellowship with the holy God involves the bloody mess at the Cross.

And we will also take a closer look at this in a moment

v6-9 fire upon the altar...wood in order:

In a scene repeated countless times by the door of the Tabernacle/Temple, the offender/worshipper and the priest participate in a vivid reminder/re-enactment of Gen 22...

Abraham, Isaac, knife, fire, altar, ram given as a substitute

The bloody altar is the place where

- the wood (the Cross) was laid in order (by the God of order)
- the fire (wrath of God) consumed the sacrifice

Result: "sweet savor unto the LORD"...an acceptable offering

v10 If...of the flocks...sheep or of the goats:

If the offender/worshipper brought an offering from the flocks rather than the herds, everything in v3-9 applies – starting with the selection of a perfect male

v11 kill it...northward:

v4-5 applies to this innocent substitute as it did for the bull

One interesting detail: the offering was to die north of the altar...  
Calvary was north of the Temple Mount

Mount Moriah (Gen 22), going from south to north:  
Zion/City of David...Temple Mount...Calvary

The Lamb of God was sacrificed on the north side of the Temple,  
on the highest point of the mount

v12-13 wood...fire...altar:

As with the bull

And with the same result

v14 And if...of fowls:

If the offender/worshipper were poor, the LORD mercifully allowed an exception to v2 by accepting turtledoves or young pigeons as the living sacrifice

Luke 2:23-24...prosperity gospel?

Fellowship with the holy God is available to all...rich, middle, or poor

Followers of Jesus Christ are of every economic class, from rich to poor

- God assigns stewardship according to His sovereign will
- not all followers of Jesus Christ are rich...  
the prosperity gospel is a false gospel
- Matt 26:11

Yet every follower of Jesus Christ must be poor in spirit (Matt 5:3)

So, whether you have much or you have little, be content...whether you know poverty or prosperity

Phil 4:11-13

faithful to your calling...

businessman serving the community (vs Self)

a mother raising her children

a student learning to serve the community

spiritually poor!

v15-17 wring...pluck...cast...cleave:

The sacrifice necessary to worship and fellowship with the holy God is bloody...life-giving

Leviticus 1...laying more groundwork for Rom 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written. The just shall live by faith.

Let's go back to v4-5...which apply to all 3 types of burnt offerings...  
and take a closer look at that

v4 “He shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering.”

This is the sacrificial act of the offender/worshipper...  
after an acceptable sacrifice is found

The examination of every offering to the holy God for man falls short...  
except the Lamb of God as the substitute

God provided Himself the only perfect sacrifice...Gen 22:8

Jesus

- Son of God
- Son of Man...kinsman-redeemer...2<sup>nd</sup> Adam (Rom 5)
- perfect...sinless (1 Peter 1:18-19)

We have but one thing to do – lay our hands on Jesus Christ

What does that mean...to lay our hands on Jesus Christ?

1. Confession of sin

One cannot have fellowship with a holy God unless you agree with  
Him that you are a sinner

- imperfect...flawed, “damaged goods”
- defiled...falling far short of the glory of God

Knowing that the living sacrifice must die, we must acknowledge  
that we deserve death

2. Acceptance

Of the offering as ours...for our offense

Of the righteousness of the Lamb of God for our unrighteousness

Rom 5:12-21

Everyone wants to study Romans/Hebrews/John...  
but how can understand those books without  
understanding Leviticus?

And how can we understand Leviticus unless we  
understand Romans/Hebrews/John?

3. Transfer

Of our sin and guilt and condemnation upon the Lamb of God

By faith, we believe Jesus is sufficient for ALL our sin...PPF

2 Cor 3:4-5

2 Cor 12:9

Issue of Salvation

Religion: “Do!”

Biblical Christianity: “It is finished!”

#### 4. Identification

Of the offering with the offender and the offender with the offering

You need to put yourself there by the bloody altar...  
at the foot of the bloody Cross...

The offender/worshipper...if in his right mind...would fall to his  
knees, tearful and heart-broken that an innocent life took  
the death he so richly deserved

Jesus was crucified...by faith we were crucified with Him

Rom 6:6-7, 11

The soul that sins, it shall die (Ezk 18:4)

He died...we die in Him

We “paid” the penalty of sin in Jesus Christ when  
we laid our hands on Him as our Substitute

1 John 3:9 a mystery...received by faith

The power of sin over us has been broken...  
we have been set free!

Jesus “covers” us...we hide in Jesus...

He saves those who identify with Him

Col 3:3

Gal 2:20 “self” died, Jesus is the life in me

If you will not lay your hands on Jesus, you

- will die in your sin
- have no life in you



v5 “He shall kill the bullock before the LORD.”

Why?!

1. Death is essential...non-negotiable

Life (spiritual) was taken in Gen 3  
Redemption/purchase price to buy back that which was lost,  
therefore, must be Life  
(physical now the only option)  
Lev 17:11, Heb 9:12

The perfect, unblemished, living sacrifice must die

2. A greater death is required

Heb 9:11-22

Heb 10:4

Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, must die...  
and more violently than the bullock/sheep/goat/bird...  
if there is to be forgiveness of sin.

And He gave His Life voluntarily...

Heb 12:2 for joy...endured cross...despising shame

Is 53:10 pleased the LORD...an offering for sin

John 3:16 so loved

For our benefit

Rom 10:4

Rom 5:8-10

1 John 1:7 removed, not just covered

Acts 4:12

Therefore...1 Cor 2:1-2

The **ONLY** passport to glory is the blood of the Lamb of God

Matt 16:16 the Christ, the Son of the Living God

John 10:11 Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep

John 14:6 the only way

John 1:29 Who came to take away, not cover, the sin of the world

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1 Peter 1:16

Rom 13:14 put on Jesus, make no provision for the flesh

And "Get the Word out"...

take the message to those who are not following Jesus Christ...

bring someone else to Jesus Christ!

## Leviticus Chapter 2

The Free Will offerings, after the Burnt Offering, continue.

Next...the Meat...Food...Grain Offering

v1 when any will offer a meat offering:

Another type of free will offering brought by the offerer/worshipper:

- meat...food...grain...acknowledging that he owes everything to the LORD, even bread to eat
- daily?

Elements of the grain offering presented by the offerer/worshipper

1. fine flour

- the finest flour was wheat flour (Ex 29:2)
- from which bread was made
- basic sustenance and nourishment to support life

2. (olive) oil

- poured upon the flour
- oil of gladness (Ps 45:7)

3. frankincense

- spice/sweet fragrance...prayer (Rev 8:3-4)
- not mixed with the bread and oil...a “side dish”

An offering of thanks for daily bread...

Life = Fine flour + oil

Yet God's provision is far greater than our daily bread!

Life = Word of God (John 6:35) + Spirit of God

Deut 8:2-3 and Matt 4:4

Rom 8:6

Remember Ps 40:7 quoted in Heb 10:7

Matt 5:17-18

God pours the Holy Spirit on the daily food He provides...  
material and spiritual.

We acknowledge His provision and pray over it, giving thanks

When you are a child of God, every day is Thanksgiving!

v2-3 he shall bring it...take thereof:

The offerer/worshipper will

- bring his offering to the priests
- take a handful (his hand...heart) of the fine flour/oil mixture
- give the handful and all the frankincense to the priests...  
giving ALL thanks/praying to only the One, True, and  
Living God...  
NONE to Mary or to any mere man

The priest will

- burn as a reminder on the Altar of the burnt offering the offering + frankincense given by the worshipper (who needs to be reminded of Who– God or man?)
- keep the rest of the fine flour/oil offering for the priests  
Levites will have no land inheritance...the LORD will be their inheritance, provided for via the offerings of the other tribes

The offering is...”very” holy...to be eaten only by the priests

v4-7 oven...pan...frying pan:

The food/grain offering might also be presented in ways other than fine flour mixed with olive oil.

Also accepted was “homemade bread or tortillas”:

1. baked in an oven
  - unleavened wheat cakes mixed with olive oil
  - unleavened wheat “pancakes” smeared or “painted” with olive oil
2. baked in a pan
  - shallow pan with no cover...ala a cookie sheet
  - unleavened wheat cakes mixed with olive oil
  - broken in pieces (ala Ch 1:6)...breaking bread
  - covered with olive oil
3. baked in a frying pan
  - deep dish with a cover
  - wheat flour deep fried in olive oil

v8-10 presented unto the priest:

The offerer/worshipper would bring his grain offering...  
in one of the above forms...  
to the altar of burnt offering and present it to a priest

The priest would take a “reminder” portion and burn it on the altar...  
consecrated to the LORD...the LORD’s portion  
Then, according to the LORD’s provision for His priests, they would keep  
the rest for their sustenance and nourishment

The “place of exchange”, the place of thanks, was the altar...  
the place of exchange, the place of thanks, for Life is...the Cross

v11 burn no leaven, nor any honey:

To be acceptable unto the LORD, no offering...  
a portion of which was the LORD’s, that part to be burnt...  
is to contain any:

- leaven
  - fermenting agent
  - introduces and spreads decay
  - “puffs up”...pride
  - type of sin
  
- (date) honey
  - as did the heathen nations all around them...  
“nectar of the gods”
  - natural sweetener...a counterfeit of God’s grace
  - also has fermenting properties

Matt 16:6, 11-12 corrupted Life in false teachings, false gospels  
1 Cor 5:6 a little leaven leavens the whole lump

So...no “Indian fry bread” is acceptable to the LORD!  
No false gospels are acceptable to God (Gal 1:6-9)...  
Word of God corrupted with pride and artificial sweeteners  
Prosperity gospel  
all-inclusive, non-offensive, consensus-seeking,  
“Cross-less”, experiential gospel (EC)  
works...traditions...philosophies of men

v12 As for the oblation of the firstfruits:

The firstfruits offering at harvest time were the priests portion of the  
harvest...those offerings were not to be burned

v13 every oblation...with salt...salt of the covenant:

No food/grain offering could include leaven or honey...  
but every grain offering had to include salt...

the “salt of the covenant” (Num 18:19, 2 Chron 13:5)

Salt was a very valuable and important commodity

- seasoning...enhanced the flavor of food
- purity...preserved against decay...”anti-leaven”

Jesus...and Him crucified...is the Salt of the Covenant

- seasoning...enhanced flavor

Mark 9:49-50

Col 4:6

- purity...preserved against decay...”anti-leaven”

John 6:27

Jude 24

2 Tim 1:12

v14-16 meat offering of thy firstfruits:

If a worshipper offered a free will grain offering from his firstfruits  
offering of corn (vs v12), it had to be

- green...moist, living
- toasted by fire
- ground...fully, not partially...from good vs corrupted ears
- oil poured upon it
- covered with frankincense

Who do you know that was like this free will offering of the firstfruits?

- green...young and strong, full of life
- toasted by fire...bore the fire of God’s holy wrath
- fully ground...tortured, wounded, humiliated, mocked
- oil mixed in and poured upon...the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ (1 Peter 1:11)
- covered with frankincense...it pleased the LORD to bruise Him

This is the “process” endured by Jesus Christ

1 Cor 15:23

John 5:39

Ps 40:7

## Leviticus Chapter 3

Peace Offering...a free will offering to celebrate peace between God and man

v1 herd...male or female...without blemish:

If the worshipper comes with a peace offering from the herd of cattle, it

- is, obviously, warm-blooded life...not plant life
- may be male or female
- must be perfect

Jesus (Ps 40:7, Heb 10:7) is the Peace Offering:

- of the herd (living, warm-blooded life)  
Col 1:19-22 peace was made through blood on the cross
- male or female  
Gal 3:28
- without blemish  
2 Cor 5:17-20 reconciled with God

v2 lay his hand upon the head...and kill it:

Like the Burnt offering in Ch 1...

identifying with the sacrifice that makes peace possible...except...  
no confession of sin

Jesus is the Peace Offering:

- laying hands...kill it  
identifying with, without confession of sin  
1 John 3:6a in Christ Jesus  
1 John 5:18
- sprinkling of blood  
1 Peter 1:1-2

v3-5 fat...kidneys...liver:

The LORD's portion:

- fat...the best
- kidneys and liver...cleanse the blood of impurities

Like the sin offering...but the remainder is the priests' portion vs  
taken outside the camp and burned

Jesus is the Peace Offering:

- the best  
Heb 1:1-4, 2:14-18
- cleanses us  
1 John 1:9
- sweet savor  
Eph 5:1-2

v6-16 sacrifice of peace offering...of the flock:

Also acceptable as a peace offering: either a lamb or a goat

- living, warm-blooded sacrifice...not plant life
- male or female
- perfect

Just as it was with the cattle i.e like the Burnt Offering...except...  
no confession of sin

And the LORD's portion is the same...

- fat...the best
- kidneys and liver...cleanse the blood of impurities

Like the sin offering...but the remainder is the priests' portion

v17 perpetual statute...all your dwellings...eat neither fat nor blood:

The people are prohibited from ever eating the LORD's portion

- fat...the best
- blood...the life

Ezk 44:6-9, 15

The unfaithful are purged...the faithful are blessed



Free will offerings...and the sequence is important

After Ch 1...the Burnt Offering...100% consecrated unto the LORD  
is Ch 2...the Meat/Food/Grain Offering...  
and Ch 3...the Peace Offering

The sequence is significant

Rom 1:7 etc etc etc in the Epistles...Grace and peace

After a perfect, male, innocent substitute

- has the confessed (agreed) sin, guilt, and condemnation of man transferred onto him
  - is killed
  - is 100% consecrated unto the LORD in the fire
- then fellowship (food/grain offering) and peace (peace offering) between God and man is possible

Sharing a meal, eating together, is an intimate act of fellowship...communion

The shared food becomes part of all who eat it...all are united by it:

LORD's portion

grain offering

a "reminder" portion of the grain/bread + oil

all the frankincense...pray only to Him

no leaven or honey...nothing corrupting or counterfeit

salt of the covenant

peace offering

the best...fat

the organs that purified the blood...blood

the priest's portion

the remainder of both the grain and peace offerings

the worshipper

brought the offerings and participated in the sacrifice

blessed, in communion with the LORD, goes home to eat with his

family

All united together in fellowship...all at peace with God

John 6:55 My flesh is meat (food) indeed (real food)...Matt 5:16-17  
John 4:34 our meat is to do the will of Him who sent us and to finish His  
work

1 John 4:13 He in us, we in Him

Eph 2:11-16 Jew and Gentile united...to do the Father's will

Now...all because of Jesus...we have peace with God!

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as  
the world gives, give I unto you

John 16:33 These have I spoken unto you that in Me you might have  
peace...(if believe in Him Who the Father sent)

Rom 5:1 being justified by faith, we have peace with God through  
our Lord Jesus Christ

Rom 10:4 Christ is the end of the law for righteousness for everyone  
who believes

Now what?

Rom 16:20 God of peace will bruise Satan under our feet shortly...  
(but until then...)

Rom 10:15 beautiful feet preach the Gospel of Peace

So...

2 Thes 3:16 Lord of peace give you peace...as you Go and redeem the time!

## Leviticus Chapter 4

- Ch 1-3      free will offerings: Burnt, Meal/Food, Peace  
Ch 4:1 – 6:7    sin offerings (Ezk 18:4)  
Ch 4      sins of ignorance...in our journey, a very timely passage of Scripture

### Issues:

- God's loathsome abhorrence of ALL sin...no such thing as a venial sin!

No law can allow any excuse for breaking it...

"I didn't know" is not a permissible plea in any legal system

It is the duty of every citizen to know the law...

we are citizens of the Kingdom of God

A "good man" doing the wrong thing with a "pure" motive...is a sinner

No amount of sincerity can make right a wrong

- holiness

v1-2    If a soul shall sin through ignorance:

Let's get our moral bearings...

- a. Sin = to "miss the mark", to fall short of the glory of God
- b. ALL sin is against the LORD, the holy God of the Covenant...  
whether

- willful

Ps 51:4

Against thee, thee only, have I  
sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight

- secret

Ps 19:12

cleanse thou me from secret *faults*

The sin offering here in Lev 4 is not

- a free will offering...it is commanded by God
- the sin offering
  - to consecrate the priests (Ex 29:10-14, 36)
  - for "general or national sin" as on the Day of Atonement
  - for willful, haughty defiance of the Law against God (sexual immorality, murder, etc...  
for which offender paid with his life)

This sin offering is for “sin through ignorance”...to “cover”

- particular sins...distinct actions or inactions by
  - individuals
  - the entire congregation
- sins committed
  - inadvertently, unaware
  - in error/mistakenly
  - unintentionally by oversight or carelessness or inconsideration
  - by mindlessly wandering astray (as sheep are prone)
  - out of the weakness/natural depravity of the flesh (Matt 26:41)

Sin of ignorance is...sin!

Sin is not what we as individuals or as cultures think is sin but what God says it is – any imperfection and unholiness

Sin...any sin...separates us from the holy God and breaks our fellowship/communion with Him

And He justly demands that every sin be paid for.

“I didn’t know!” is no excuse.

The sinner is still guilty and the wages of sin is death.

We cry out like the disciples: “Who then can be saved!?”

(Matt 19:25)

And Jesus tells us what He told them: “With men, this (salvation) is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

(Matt 19:26)

We all desperately need

- Jesus Christ (God the Son, Son of God, Seed of the woman)
- the Lamb of God (God’s offering for sin on our behalf)
- Who came (from heaven to earth...incarnation)
- to take away (not just cover, but remove)
- the sin (all sin)
- of the world (all sinners)

Note: Proclaimed by a

- Levite
- a “PK”

Apart from Jesus, there is no holiness in us...only sin

Only a fool would deny he needs to repent and cry out to Jesus for forgiveness

In Lev 4, the sin offering for sins of ignorance are classified by position/accountability

1. the high priest, the spiritual leader (v3-12)
2. the entire congregation/nation (v13-21)
3. a tribal/civic leader (v22-26)
4. a common, ordinary citizen (v27-35)

And the offering is commensurate with that accountability.  
(Luke 12:48)

v3 the priest that is anointed:

After the initial anointing of Aaron and his sons in Exodus, the only priest to be anointed with oil was the High Priest

If the High Priest, the spiritual leader, sins...stop.

Which means the High Priest CAN sin...

he is not righteous or perfect or worthy...

he is a fallen man with a calling upon his life

The clothes don't make the man...they point to the God/Man

Our High priest cannot sin...yet was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him

Jesus is the only acceptable sacrifice for all sin of all sinners

If the high priest sins through ignorance according to the sin of the people...stop

- just like ordinary citizens  
and/or
- causing those following him to also sin...  
leading others to sin and bringing guilt upon them also

James 3:1 for all pastors

If the high priest sins, he is to bring a perfect young bullock (male) for a sin offering

- most valuable animal – strong servant  
The highest accountability, the “greatest” sin offering required
- not an ox (3 years old)
- not a calf (1 year old)
- not a goat or a sheep

v4 he shall bring...lay his hand...and kill:

The high priest will personally (who could do it for him?)

- bring the bull to the Tabernacle door (John 10:9)
- lay his hands on the head of the bull –  
not just touching but leaning heavily upon...  
because sin is not a light thing but very weighty/heavy
- confession of sin
  - aware of sin
  - agree with the Judge's verdict
  - desire forgiveness of sin

Prov 28:13 He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesses and forsakes *them* shall have mercy.

- acceptance of the bull as his substitute
- transference of guilt upon the bull
- identification with the bull
- kill the bull
  - sin carries a very high price
  - Rom 6:23 (entire verse)

v5-7 blood...sprinkle...put...pour:

The blood of the bull is collected...and applied

- in the LORD's house
  - sprinkled 7 times from the high priest's finger
    - in the Holy Place before the veil separating the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place (entered on the Day of Atonement only)
    - on the ground?  
Holy ground has been defiled by sin
    - on the veil?  
The most costly tapestry would in time look like a garment dipped in blood

Is 63:1-3

Rev 19:11-13

Communion with God is only possible by the blood  
of the Sin Offering

The blood of this sin sacrifice did not cause the veil  
to be torn from top to bottom...  
even though blood was sprinkled 7 times

But the blood of the Lamb of God did cause the  
veil to be torn...when He cried,  
“It is finished!”

Now, by faith in Him, we have free access to the  
holy God

- smeared by the high priest’s finger on the horns of the  
golden altar of incense **in** the Holy Place before the  
veil at the entrance of the Most Holy Place...

incense = prayer  
horn = strength

Man’s prayer is made ineffective by sin...but  
By the strength of Jesus Christ interceding for us,  
fellowship with God is restored

Rom 8:34

1 John 2:1-2

- outside the LORD’s house

- all the remaining blood is poured out at the base of the  
altar of burnt offering

A pool of blood...lots of blood...at the base of the altar...  
the Cross

Offensive and foolishness for those who do not believe...  
the power of God unto salvation for those who do

v8-12 fat...kidneys...liver...all his flesh:

The sin offering is then rightly divided

- offered by fire unto the LORD on the altar of burnt offering
  - the fat
  - the kidneys and the liver
  - like the peace offering
- disposed of
  - all the remainder...including the most offensive parts, cursed as the embodiment of sin (Gal 3:13)

- taken outside the camp

We might equate this to “taking out the garbage”

Our frame of reference may be taking the green bin to the curb

But consider the camp of Israel...

2-3 million people!

So this “removal of sin” involved a miles long procession, as people stood in the door of their tents, watching the horrific sight...

“What a disgusting, bloody mess!

What a waste!

Sin is foolish, horrible, wasteful!”

Such was the shame, disgust, and horror of a bloody, naked Christ – “paraded” thru town and lifted up for all to see at that busy intersection

(Heb 13:11-12)

- to a clean place to be consumed by fire... as the effects of sin are realized... where the ashes of other sin offerings vs corpses in the garbage heap to be consumed by scavengers (John 19:17)

Q: Was the high priest forgiven of his sin of ignorance?

Doesn't say explicitly like it does in

- v20 (entire congregation)
- v26 (ruler)
- v35 (common citizen)

but, yes...

- in context
- the bull died!



The sin of ignorance of the high priest...the spiritual leader...the pastor  
Prov 14:12 like all the Word, timeless truth that applies today

Giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, a multitude of  
pastors and their fellowships no longer endure sound doctrine.

They have turned their ears from the Truth...the Word of God...  
rejecting it's "intolerant", absolute nature...  
and turned to fables that tickle the ears.

They believe all religions worship the same God and so there are many  
diverse ways to God.  
Therefore, other ways to worship God can be learned from other religions.

So, while they give lip service to the Bible, they devote themselves to  
having

- dialogue about a relative truth vs teaching of the absolute truth
- an encounter with God via mystical experiences...  
emotional, sensual, "spiritual" experiences

This mysticism is rooted in

- Eastern religions...false religions worshipping false gods
- Roman Catholicism...corrupted Biblical Christianity
- New Age...not so new

The experiences they pursue are:  
non-biblical: meditation via breathing techniques and mantras  
"vintage" Christianity  
3<sup>rd</sup> century thru Middle Ages (aka Dark Ages)...when  
Biblical Christianity was corrupted by the  
god of this world  
NOT all the way back to 1<sup>st</sup> century, Book of Acts  
appeal to the 5 physical senses  
candles  
incense  
icons  
prayer stations  
darkness..."means something serious is  
happening here"

They reject reason in favor of opinion and experience.  
They reject exclusive and offensive truth for inclusive "community"  
They reject The Reformation in favor of "ancient future truth"  
They relegate The Word of God to a lesser place...almost "forbidden"

[ *Faith Undone*, pgs 97-99...Yungen's book to display ]

Can "Christians" engage in worship practices contrary to the Word of God  
that open doors to the demonic spiritual realm...  
and experience God?

The god of this world? Yes

The One True and Living God of AI&J? No

These pastors and their evangelizing fellowships...  
sincerely...with good intentions...  
ignorantly think they are bringing a relevant faith to reach the  
"post-modern" generation for Jesus Christ...  
but I fear they are leading millions of deceived people into hell.

One of the teachings by pastors of this "anti-Reformation" is:  
"Don't study prophesy." (trumpeted by Rick Warren)

Yet, in the light of Matt 5:17-18, Ps 40:7, John 5:39...

ALL of the Word of God is prophetic!

Even Gen 1:1a...of John 1:1, 14

So by saying, "Don't study prophesy," these pastors are saying,  
"Don't study the Word of God...don't 2 Tim 2:15."

If the followers of these pastors would study the Word of God,  
they would see the error/deception/ignorance of such  
teaching.

But they don't...they don't even bring their Bibles to church.

This "anti-Reformation" is

- a falling away from holiness vs a walk in holiness
- a repeat of (Roman) history vs learning from history
- ironically prophetic...one-world-religion-friendly

Also, by teaching an ecumenicalism with false religions, these pastors are  
fundamentally denying the absolute and desperate need for a  
Sin Offering to restore communion with a holy God (Is 1:18)

Those deceived...because they know not the Truth...are being led to  
believe that they are experiencing God and, therefore, are right  
with Him.

Yet they do not even know Him. (1 John 2:3-4,7-8; Matt 7:21-23)

They have sinned, "missed the mark" (Rom 6:23), with no offering

The message of the Word of God to these ignorant, mistaken pastors:  
Repent!

v13 the whole congregation:

How could the whole nation, including the priests, blindly sin through ignorance?

- led astray by false teachers...  
who twist and distort the Word of God
- a sin not known as such, not considered to be sin...  
Biblical illiteracy
- compromise of the absolute truth of the Word of God

The ignorance of the sinner in no way lessens the guilt

v14-21 When the sin...is known:

Not "If" but "when"!

Num 32:23

The Truth is always revealed and when it is, the exposed sin is "covered" just as was the sin of ignorance of the High Priest

- elders lay hands on the head of a perfect young bull
- the bull is killed (equivalent accountability and price)
- blood is sprinkled before the veil and smeared on the horns of the gold altar of incense
- the rest of the blood is poured out at the base of the altar of burnt offering
- the fat, kidneys, and liver are burned unto the LORD
- the rest of the dead bull is taken outside the camp of Israel
- by the grace of God, the sin is forgiven (1 John 1:19, Eph 1:7)

Please notice: Atonement was not accomplished by the killing of the sacrifice but by the application of the blood

Notice a phrase repeated 8 times in this chapter..."before the LORD"  
The sacrifice of the sin offering and the "ceremony" to atone for sin was witnessed by very few people...priests only  
The sacrifice is directed at the LORD, not at the people...  
The people had to participate by faith...for it is unseen to them

Many pastors are ignorantly leading their fellowships into sin with the mystical experiences of "vintage" Christianity

What is the message to those fellowships?

Repent!

Search the Scriptures to see if the things your pastor is saying and doing are true.

Also, since nations are judged as are individuals, what is the message to our nation, which is guilty of so much evil and so much ignorance?  
Repent!

v22-26 When a ruler:

When a tribal/civic leader sins through ignorance, things are a little differently than for the high priest and the entire congregation, although the context remains the same:

- the LORD his God: he holds a place above others...  
but God is above him!  
No one is “above the Law of God”
- kid of the goats: a he-goat, shaggy and hairy, of a stately appearance (Prov 30:29-31)...  
but a “lesser” sacrifice than a bull
- the blood is not brought into the LORD’s house and sprinkled 7 times before the veil
- the blood is not smeared on the horns of the gold altar of incense but on the horns of the altar of burnt offering

The other things are all the same.  
But the message is the same – Repent!

v27-35 if any one of the common people:

Finally, if a common citizen...the man next door...a plain ordinary Joe... sins through ignorance, things are like that for a sin of a civic leader, except the sacrifice is

- either a she-goat
- or a lamb

Death is justified for “even the simplest” infractions!

- being inconsiderate of your wife...
- thinking you are worthy of some consideration not given you...  
and getting your nose out of joint

The chapter concludes with a statement of fact: it shall be forgiven him  
No “if”s or “but”s about it!

What is the message for each of us? Repent!  
Only a fool would not.

[ Communion: Altar call and Celebration for the forgiveness of sin ]

## Leviticus Chapter 5

Leviticus	how to worship the LORD
Ch 1-3	Free will Offerings...a reflection of the heart
Ch 4:1 - 6:7	Sin Offerings
Ch 4	Sins of Ignorance
Ch 5:1 – 6:7	Offerings for 6 sins
	4 sins of omission (Ch 5:1-16)
	2 sins of commission (Ch 5:17 – 6:7)

v1 if a soul sin...witness...not utter:  
Sin of Omission #1...the silence of known Truth

If a person

- is a witness of an oath
- has seen or has knowledge of the oath being broken
- refuses to testify
  - to protect the innocent
  - to confront the guilty

he is guilty of sin

- being a false witness (Ex 20:16)
- perjury...lying – by not speaking up

So is a follower of Jesus Christ remaining silent in the face of

- wrong
  - injustice...corruption of fairness and honesty
  - oppression of the weak, poor, defenseless
  - evil...abortion, sodomy (Pres. election: holiness)
  - sin...unfaithfulness
- error
  - the deity of Jesus Christ...spirit of antichrist
  - false religions...works vs grace thru faith
  - ecumenicalism...unity at the expense of truth
- lie...any untruth

Silence when there is knowledge of sin...is sin

Those who know the truth must speak out...or be found guilty

Matt 18:15-20...with restoration being the objective

Matt 28:19-20...to obey the command of seeking and saving the lost

Gal 1:6-9...a partial truth...a partial Gospel...is an untruth, a lie

Silence makes the Church or an individual believer a false witness

v2-3 if a soul sin...unclean...guilty:

Sin of Omission #2...the omission of purity

If a person touches any unclean thing (will be defined later)

- carcass of an unclean animal
- the uncleanness of man
  - dead body
  - bone
  - body fluid

he is

- ceremonially unclean...unfit to worship  
(context = worship the holy and pure God)
- guilty of sin...of neglecting
  - his purity
  - the process of purification

So is a follower of Jesus Christ when he

- falls into sexual immorality
- watches an unclean TV/movie/website
- participates in “off-color” humor with unbelievers
- walks in the world in the ways of the world...unholy

v4 if a soul sin...lips...hid...guilty:

Sin of Omission #3...not keeping a vow

If a person

- carelessly, thoughtlessly makes a vow (an idle vow)
  - something lawful
  - something unlawful
- fails to keep his vow...forgot he said it

he is guilty of sin

Matt 5:33-37 “Don’t make vows! Let your Yea be yea, nay be nay.”

James 5:12 Above all things, don’t make vows. Let your Yea be yea,  
nay be nay, lest you fall in to condemnation.

Eccl 5:4-5 If you make a vow to God, pay it. He takes no pleasure in  
fools. Better to not vow than to not pay.

God says what He means and means what He says...  
and expects the same of His children.

His word is good...so must ours be.

v5-13 when he shall be guilty in one of these things:

All sin must be paid for, covered...

willful sin, sins of ignorance, and sins of omission.

With sin comes personal responsibility and accountability.

Payment...the trespass/sin offering...is prescribed according to the sinner's financial condition (not all were wealthy!)

1. female lamb or goat (v6)
2. two doves or two pigeons (v7-10)
3. 1 man's food for 1 day (v11-13)

1. Female lamb or goat

Death is required for sins of omission

"silent"/false witness...impurity...breaking your word

To be offered according to the requirements of the Sin offering

2. Doves or pigeons

For a poorer man – doesn't have or can't afford to buy a lamb/goat

One bird is the LORD's portion – the sin offering

The other is the priest's portion – the burnt offering (ala Ch 1)

3. One day's food for one man

For the most poor

Is NOT to include (olive) oil or frankincense as with the free will food offering

- There is no beauty in sin...  
nothing pleasing or appealing unto the LORD
- Do not "sugar coat" sin
- Do not "PTL" or mix grace up with sin (Rom 6:1)  
Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?  
God forbid!

Another difference: The priest (office between man and God) vs the worshipper takes a handful for the "reminder" portion unto the LORD

When the sinner complies with the command of God, he is forgiven

v14-16 if a soul commit a trespass...in the holy things of the LORD:  
Sin of Omission #4...not giving to God what is His

If a person

- fails to give the LORD his
  - tithes (10%)
  - offerings
  - firstfruits
  - firstborn...redeemed or offering

he

- is guilty of
  - withholding from the LORD that which belongs to Him
  - being ungrateful to the Giver of every good/perfect gift
  - stealing from the LORD (Mal 3:8-10)
  - being an unfaithful steward (Ps 24:1)
- shall bring
  - a ram for a trespass/sin offering
  - estimated “damages”...based on the magnitude of the trespass...the “back” tithes and offerings
  - a fine of either a 20% or a 25%  
(fifth part is equal to parts 1-4)
- and give it to the priest

And when he who “took from the LORD”

- makes restitution unto the LORD...
- “makes the LORD whole”...

he will be forgiven

Suffice it to say, obedience in the holy things of the LORD is less expensive than disobedience

I know

- all of your heads are spinning right now
- you’ve stopped breathing...
- you might even be on the verge of walking out of here.

because only a fraction of the families in the fellowship tithe...  
most do not trust the LORD with “their” finances

I want to help you get right with the LORD...so we are going to

- install an ATM in the lobby
- put Visa card stations on the back of each chair

Really?

What does this mean?



What is the issue in Leviticus?

Holiness in worship

- praise
- prayer
- Word
- giving...free will...a reflection of the heart
- living

What is the “seat” of holiness?

Heart, not the wallet you are sitting on

What is the status of the Law in our lives?

Law of Moses...Rom 10:4

Replaced with a higher law, Law of Love...2 Cor 9

- ready to give (v1-5)
- principles of giving (v6-7)
  - sowing/reaping
  - cheerfully...it is a heart issue
  - personal between you and LORD, not me
- promises for giving...cannot out-give God!

What kind of relationship does the LORD want with us?

Loving vs legal

Does the LORD want “your” (His!) money or your heart?

Heart (little boy that jumped in the offering plate)

Does He want you to trust your money or Him?

Litmus test:

- How much time do you spend worrying about money?
- How much money are you taking with you into the Kingdom of God?
- Did money die for you?
- How much money is required to redeem a soul from hell?

So...is the LORD demanding a ram, all back damages, and a 20% or 25% fine for all your missed tithes and offerings?

No! He wants your WHOLE heart...not half or just some portion

Matt 6:33...and He owns “all those things” to be added

He paid for ALL of you...that is how much of you He expects!

Everybody OK?

Is your financial crisis over?

Is your heart crisis over?!

But we're not done...another issue...related...presents itself here:  
Money and God's priests/pastors/ministers

Why the tithes?

For the functioning of the house of the LORD

Why were the priests given the 20% or 25% fine?

So they can become the rich elite of Israel?

No...since they have no land inheritance, so they can buy rams,  
bulls, etc for their sin offerings!

However, when ever money is involved, the human heart is easily  
corrupted...the heart's devotion is easily misdirected

1 Tim 6:6-10

Matt 6:24

What happened in Jewish history?

- the sons of Eli the high priest were "sons of Belial" in the holy things of the LORD, causing men to abhor the offerings of the LORD (1 Sam 2:12, 17)
- a very wealthy and corrupted priesthood
- judgment for worshipping a false god...heart issue

Ezk 14:1-8

Ezk 7:15-19

- moneychangers in the Temple

And what has happened in Church history?

- grotesque redistribution of material wealth from ignorant, manipulated laity to the Roman Church  
e.g. selling indulgences
- "Christian fiction" TV and televangelists...  
it's all about the money
- compromise and corruption in many "megachurches"  
to maintain and propagate budgets, buildings, salaries
- financial scandal in ministry after ministry
- a "Prosperity" gospel...a false gospel
- Laodicea (Rev 3:17)

This is the end of the Sins of Omission...

1. not telling the truth when you know the truth...false witness
2. not keeping yourself pure
3. not keeping your word
4. not giving unto the LORD that which is His

Now, Sins of Commission...

Matt 22:36-40

v17-19 if a soul sin and commit...forbidden...commandments:  
Sin of Commission #1...against the LORD

If a person does anything that breaks the Law, he

- is guilty
  - no excuses
  - no sin is overlooked
- shall bring
  - a ram for a trespass offering
  - damages for his act

Lesson: Live a sinful, unholy life and you will be destitute...  
Live a holy life and you will prosper

Which is the greater truth: materially or spiritually?

## Leviticus Chapter 6

v1-7 If a soul sin...neighbor:

Sin of Commission #2...against your neighbor

Note: definition of neighbor comes from Parable of the Good Samaritan

If a person

- defrauds his neighbor
- cheats his neighbor
- robs his neighbor
- lies, cheats, and steals from his partner (“in fellowship”)
- covets and “appropriates” things entrusted to him for safe keeping by his neighbor
- finds his neighbor’s lost property and lies about it to keep it for himself

he

- is guilty of sin
- shall restore that which he wrongfully took (double, per Ex 22:7)
- pay a 20% or 25% fine for so doing
- shall bring a ram without blemish + estimated damages for a trespass/sin offering

In other words given Num 32:23...covetousness/greed...

which fuels fraud and deceit and theft...does not pay!

Restitution = 225% + estimated damages + a perfect ram...+ loss of trust

Sin carries a very stiff price!

The lure and deception (Matt 13:22) of money is:

- pleasure (for self)
- security (for self)
- power (over others)

Money is the lifeblood of the world and of things worldly

- individuals
- organizations
- nations

### The Church in the Word of God...Biblical Christianity

- an organism
- devoted to the Head and His heavenly riches
- “out of this world”
- the lifeblood is the Spirit of God

### The Church in the world...Christiandom

- an organization
- devoted to worldly riches and power
- corrupted, not as God intended (Parable of Mustard Seed)
- for the most part has abandoned Israel  
(Replacement Theology)
- the lifeblood is money

[ article re: Christians and Muslims ]

### What does the future hold for Christiandom

- the Replacement Theologians
- the false witnesses of “peace and safety”
- the embracers of Allah as the God of Abraham?

“Woe”

Money is also the lifeblood of nations and corrupts them as much as it has the Church

Case in point: USA

[ articles...connecting dots in the news ]

### USA has sinned against the LORD...

- dividing the land
- bullying His people

### USA has

- defrauded
- lied to (a false witness)
- cheated
- betrayed

her neighbor and partner Israel...God’s people...because of money

- OPEC to value oil not on the dollar but on a “basket” of currencies  
Nixon – from Gold Std to oil in 1971...  
still was the Oil Embargo in 1973  
i.e. USA played the fool
- Sub-prime financial crisis...fueled by greed...has radically weakened the dollar

Ezk 38-39 cannot not happen until Israel is alone in the world.  
USA stood by her side...until this week...because of money  
Now Israel is all alone in the world.

What does the future hold for USA?

- “Woe!” aka judgment...and restitution
- The same fate as every other nation that has messed with the apple of God’s eye, the nation of Israel (Gen 12:1-3)
- Reproach (Prov 14:34)  
USA again has played the fool...and is a reproach

Is the Spirit of God your lifeblood or is money?  
Matt 6:19-20                  moth, rust, thieves

What government do you trust?

Dan 2:44                  stone cut out of the mountain without hands that  
breaks all the kingdoms of man...God’s kingdom  
that can never be destroyed  
Phil 3:20                  our citizenship, our home

We serve the King of kings and the LORD of lords Who became our  
Sin Offering!

We are to faithfully witness of Him while we are sojourners in this strange  
land

Eph 6:12                  principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this  
world, spiritual wickedness in high places

Gen 12:3 applies to

- The nation of Israel...the descendent of AI&J
- The children of Abraham’s faith (Gal 3:26, 29)...  
the Gentile believers being grafted into Israel  
(Rom 11)...

A nation with ever-open borders and no  
Immigration restrictions other than  
“whosoever would believe”

We understand current events because we believe the Word of God  
Luke 21:28    Look up! Your redemption is near!

Last time...

- 4 sins of omission
  - remaining silent when you know the truth
  - neglecting your purity
  - not keeping your word
  - not giving unto the LORD that which is His
- 2 sins of commission...with current events
  - against LORD...Christians embracing Islam
  - against neighbor...USA betraying Israel

Last week, we left the nation of Israel out in the cold

This week, the Holy One of Israel left Midwest and Northeast USA out in the cold

- 2 waves of severe winter weather
- ice, power outages from New Mexico to New England (fascinating!)
- millions without heat

In the past several years, the Holy One of Israel has sent warnings to USA

- hurricanes (hurricane force winds in NW last week!)
- tornados
- floods
- fire
- record heat
- ice and cold
- financial shockwaves

No part of the nation has gone untouched

Thus far, the warnings are going unheeded

It's not over....

In our study last week, the sin offering for 4 sins of omission + 2 sins of commission

This week, further instructions in holiness to Aaron and his sons regarding all the sacrifices

Some needful repetition, some new regulations

- Burnt offering (Ch 6:8-13)
- Meat/food/grain offering (Ch 6:14-18)
- Offering for Aaron and his sons (Ch 6:19-23)
- Sin offering (Ch 6:24-30)
- Trespass offering (Ch 7:1-7)
- Peace offerings (Ch 7:11-21)
- "iron clad" prohibitions (Ch 7:22-27)
- Peace offerings, continued (Ch 7:28-36)
- End of the sacrificial law (Ch 7:37-38)

v8-13 This is the law of the burnt offering:

The LORD speaks to His prophet (God to man) with instructions for His priests (man to God) regarding the burnt offering discussed in

- Ex 29:38-42...the daily burnt offering
- Ch 1...the free will burnt offering

Instructions in this law:

1. The fire on the altar of burnt offering was to burn continually, started by the LORD in Ch 9:23-24 and maintained by His priests...  
uninterrupted worship of the LORD
2. The priest must always be properly attired
  - Job 1 every morning – clean the ashes off the altar and place them beside the altar...  
wearing his holy garments because he was never to approach the altar without them (Ex 28:43)
  - Job 2 every morning – carry the ashes outside the camp of Israel to a clean place...  
after changing out of his holy garments into “common work clothes”  
(on-duty clothes, not off-duty clothes)  
because the holy garments were not to be worn outside the worship complex of the Tabernacle
3. The day’s burnt offering was placed in order on the altar (along with the fat of the day’s peace offerings) as worship continues without interruption  
  
get the day started right/in order...by worship the LORD



Jesus Christ is our burnt offering

1. The fire sent from heaven was to be maintained continually  
Acts 2...Holy Spirit, Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ...  
power to live a life of uninterrupted worship
2. We must be properly attired at all times  
1 Peter 2:5 followers/believers are a royal priesthood  
Gal 3:27 baptized into Christ have put on Christ  
Eph 4:24 put on the new man, created in righteousness  
and true holiness (white linen)  
by God

Col 3:8-14

Jesus...in our heart

God started the fire there...

We must maintain it every day...never letting it go out

Note: A literal fulfillment of these shadows

- Job 1 – two believing Pharisees wrapped the consumed body of Jesus Christ in white linen (John 19:38-40)
- Job 2 – His body was buried in a clean place (John 19:41, Matt 27:57-60)

Another Note: The counterfeiter also instituted his perpetual fires in the worship of false gods

- Persia: for many of their gods
- Greece: Pan (god of underworld)
- Rome: goddess Vesta, via vestal virgins

Yet another Note: the fire of judgment for unbelief does not go out (Lake of Fire...Rev 20:11-15)

v14-18 this is the law of the meat offering:  
The grain/food offering in Ch 2

The LORD's portion was to be burned on the altar of burnt offering...  
as a reminder of Jehovah-jireh

The priest's (holy, set apart to minister unto the LORD) portion was holy

- prepared without leaven (sin)
- eaten in the Tabernacle complex, not in the homes of the priests...food for the priests on duty
- eaten only by the priests that were ceremonially clean

Jesus is our meat offering...our spiritual food...our daily bread

John 6:35, 48-68...all about believing in Him (v29, 47)

"I AM the Bread of Life...eat my flesh has eternal life...

My words are spirit and life."

v19-23 the offering of Aaron and his sons:

The people brought offerings...so did the priests.

Theirs was a

- gift..."*corban*"...from what had been given them
- bloodless offering...one man's food for one day
- daily offering...to draw near to the LORD and to show fruits of sanctification every day
- burnt offering...100% for the LORD...they got no portion

Jesus condemned the Pharisees for their miserly hearts concerning their gifts

Mark 7:1-13...hiding behind this law for the neglect/dishonor they showed their fathers and mothers

Jesus has made us priests unto God and His Father (Rev 1:6).

Our bloodless gift is to be from our daily substance in recognition of His provision and our dependence upon Him

His servants/minister who do not give material offerings and say "I tithe with my time, my service" are

- naïve
- unthankful
- independent
- untrusting
- disobedient

v24-30 this is the Law of the sin offering:

Further instructions regarding the offering in Ch 4...sin of ignorance  
NOT the sin offering whose blood was applied to the Mercy Seat  
on the Day of Atonement to atone for the sins of the people

Overriding law: holiness

- The sin offering was to be killed before the LORD where the burnt offering was (Ch 1:11, Ps 48:2)...it is holy
- The officiating priest
  - must be holy...set apart and ceremonially clean
  - will eat it in a holy place...the Tabernacle complex
  - must cleanse his garment in a holy place...in the Tabernacle complex, not at the laundromat... because the blood is holy, not common
- The vessels used in the offering must be holy... not used for common purposes
  - If earthenware/pottery, shattered vs re-used because the clay is porous and will absorb blood, fat, etc

Note: Shiloh in 1999

- If brass or copper, scrubbed thoroughly before re-use
- The priests on-duty who will also eat it must be holy

Important footnote: The sin offering whose blood was applied to the mercy seat for the atonement of sin was NOT to be eaten by the priests, it was to be consumed in the fire unto the LORD

Jesus is our sin offering for sins of ignorance...not knowing is no excuse

- He was killed to the north of the altar on Mount Calvary
- His blood, which is precious and NOT common, cleanses us of our sin and makes us holy (the dead in sin are unclean)
- By believing in Him, we eat of His flesh (John 6...spiritual words of life...the Substance)
- His body (v27) was handled by two believers/followers

## Leviticus Chapter 7

v1-7 this is the law of the trespass offering:  
Further instructions for Ch 5:1 – 6:7

What goes for the offering of sins of ignorance goes for trespass offerings  
Same shadow...same Substance

v8-10 skin...meat offering:  
Parenthetically, more instructions on burnt offerings and meat offerings

Unlike the skin of the sin offering (Ch 4:11), the skin of the burnt offering  
was also given to the priest for his use – clothing, household uses

The bread or pancakes of a meat offering were to

- feed the officiating priest
- be equally shared by all the priests

v11-15 this is the law of peace offerings:  
Further instructions for Ch 3

Two types of peace offerings are mentioned

- a thanksgiving
- a vow or a spontaneous offering

For a thanksgiving:

- Upon the Altar is
  - a sacrifice...bull, goat, sheep
  - with unleavened bread with oil (Ch 2:11)
- but accompanied with leavened bread
  - a treat for the priests (not a license to sin)
  - because there is peace with God
- One part of the above
  - lifted to the LORD, presented as a gift
  - given to the officiating priest
- The flesh to be eaten only on the same day it was offered

Jesus Christ is our peace offering (Rom 5:1)

John 14:27

John 16:33

So give thanks every day

v16-18 a vow or a voluntary offering:

Unlike the peace offering for thanksgiving, the flesh of the peace offering for a vow or a spontaneous offering can be eaten on the day it was offered and the following day...but NOT on the third day!

On the third day, before decay/corruption sets in, the flesh becomes unclean/unacceptable/unrighteous...an abomination...a stench

Ps 16:10 will not suffer Your Holy One to see corruption  
Matt 27:62-64

v19-21 the flesh that touches any unclean thing:

Additional regulations regarding holiness

1. If the flesh of the sacrifice, which is holy, touches any unclean thing...  
it is now defiled/polluted and no longer acceptable...  
it must be burned in the fire.

1 Cor 15:33  
2 Cor 6:14

2. Only the clean/holy can eat of the clean/holy sacrifice...the unclean person who partakes will be exterminated/executed

Gen 9:11 flesh shall not be "cut off" by flood again  
Gen 17:14 uncircumcised will be "cut off"  
Ex 31:14 don't keep the holy Sabbath will be put to death, "cut off"

The priests did not...[Ezk 22:26](#)

The priests will...[Ezk 44:23](#)

[1 Cor 11:23-29](#) uncompromising holiness

v22-25 shall eat no manner of fat:

Israel is categorically commanded to NEVER eat animal fat

- sacrifices made by fire
- domesticated slaughtered for food
- died of natural causes or disease
- “lion chow”

No exceptions

The fat of an animal that dies (vs sacrificed or slaughtered) could be used for domestic purposes, but NEVER eaten

Penalty for breaking this command: execution/extermination

Why so harsh a judgment?

The fat is the LORD’s portion...He is a jealous God and will not share His

- portion
- glory
- worship/devotion

v26-27 ye shall eat no manner of blood:

Israel is also categorically forbidden from eating blood

- any living thing
- any where
- any time

No exceptions

Sacrifices had to be drained of their blood

Same penalty as eating fat

Again, why so harsh a judgment?

Again, blood is the LORD’s portion...it is most holy

“Life” belongs only to the Creator, the Giver and Taker of life

Gen 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, the blood, shall you not eat

Lev 17:10-11

The violation of this command was a contributing factor to the judgment/exile of the nation to Babylon

Ezk 33:23-26 “eat with the blood”

This command was upheld even at the conclusion of the “great debate”

Acts 15:28-29 abstain from blood

v28-36 the sacrifice of his peace offerings...breast...right shoulder:

Instructions for the peace offerings resumes

- to be brought personally by the worshipper
- the blood and the fat are the LORD's portion
- the breast and the upper portion of the right hind leg (equivalent of man's thigh) are
  - wave and heave offerings...lifted up to LORD as a gift
  - the priest's portion...the LORD's provision for His ministers...a workman is worthy of his wages
  - wisdom (breast) and power (right shoulder)...

we as priests have a portion...Jesus Christ (1 Cor 1:24)

v37-38 This is the law...that he commanded the children of Israel:

Thus ends the sacrificial law

But these offerings, and the blessings received from them, could not make man perfect...able to dwell in the presence of God

After countless offerings, the veil remained.

Heb 10:4

They are all shadows of the Substance to come...Whose sacrifice on the Cross for the forgiveness of sin makes perfect all who believe.

After His one sacrifice, the veil was torn from top to bottom... access into the presence of God is wide open

The sacrificial law did not secure redemption from sin, it was given to produce a knowledge of sin and a desperate cry for a Savior

The legal relationship falls short of reconciliation... the loving relationship completes reconciliation

As seen in the Sacrificial Law, particularly the commands to

- the fire on the altar of burnt offering NEVER going out
- an unclean man was to NEVER eat of the holy peace offerings
- NEVER under any circumstances eat fat or blood  
the penalty for which was execution/extermination...

the holy and jealous God is VERY serious about holiness...  
deadly serious...it's a matter of life and death

Accept the gift of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God as your substitute...and live  
Reject the gift of God...and die

The choice is personal...every person  
The choice is for eternity  
The choice is simple and rational

Daily application of the offerings...of Jesus in us...in our lives

1. burnt: the whole of man in surrender to the LORD
2. meat/grain/food: fruit of that sanctification
3. sin: removal of the barrier between fallen man and holy God
4. trespass: ditto
5. peace: thanks for the grace of God

We live in urgent times!

This is not the time to be

- compromising your holiness
- “playing church” with the Creator of heaven and earth
- taking a break from your relationship with Jesus Christ
- falling into temptation or indulging your flesh
- chasing after the things of the world

This is the time to be

- holy
- serious about Jesus Christ and His calling upon your life

Much has been given to us and much is required of us

We need to be ready, brothers and sisters.

We need to warn others

- deceived and lost (including the Spanish-speaking)
- wandering backsliders...have not maintained the fire God started  
to “get on the Ark” before judgments starts...  
there won't be time once it starts!



## Leviticus Chapter 8

As we put a ribbon on 2007 and head into 2008, we must be very mindful of the seriousness and holiness of our calling in Christ Jesus

2008 will be a very important year...more important than last year.  
Time is even shorter...time is running out to get the Word out – Get on Ark!

### Israel

Ezk 38-39 “maturing” before our eyes  
Israel alone after abandoned by USA on 12/3/07  
[ Russia/Iran article ]  
Israel attack pre-nuclear/nuclear Iran...unsuccessfully?  
Russian led confederacy attack Israel

### Christiandom

continued rise of “unification” with Roman Church “on point”  
continued compromise of the Word of God and the denial of Jesus’  
name by “Christians” [ Joel Osteen quote ]

all other end times fronts: active “fault lines” (where is USA?!)

So the message of Lev 8-9 is very timely

Ch 1-7 offerings by the people...all shadows of Jesus Christ  
Needed: a mediator between man and God – High Priest and his sons  
Ch 8 consecration of the priests  
Ch 9 priests begin their ministry

As we go thru this passage, be mindful of shadows being cast by the participants

Moses...prophet and priest: God the Father and Jesus Christ (John 10:30)

Aaron...High Priest: Jesus Christ

Aaron’s sons...priests: born-again believers in Jesus Christ

John 1:12

Gal 3:26                      you are all the children of God by faith in CJ

1 Peter 2:5                      a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer spiritual  
sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ

Rev 1:5-6                      kings and priests unto God and his Father

Rom 12:1                      bodies a living sacrifice, reasonable service

v1-5 LORD spoke unto Moses...LORD commanded to be done:  
The time has come execute the instructions previously given to Moses on Mount Sinai...  
Time to consecrate Aaron and his sons in the office of the priests (Ex 29)

- gather the elements of consecration that are ready
  - holy garments (Ex 28)
  - the anointing oil (Ex 30)
  - bullock, 2 rams, basket of unleavened bread
- gather the people to the Tabernacle door  
(elders/tribal leaders...eyewitnesses...12 apostles)

Moses is faithful...in things small and great

v6 Moses...washed them:  
First step of consecration unto the LORD – go to the laver for the washing away the filth of sin

The laver is a shadow of Jesus Christ...

The washing is a type of salvation, spiritual cleansing by

- blood of the Lamb
  - Rev 1:5-6 washed us from sin in His blood
  - Eph 1:7 redemption thru blood, forgiveness of sin
- Holy Spirit
  - Titus 3:5-6 washing of regeneration...shed on us
  - John 7:37-39 Living Water
- Word of God
  - Eph 5:25-27 sanctify, cleanse, washing of water, word

Now that Aaron and his sons have been cleansed, Moses dresses them according to the instructions of the LORD...Aaron first

v7-9 he put upon him:  
The unique attire of the High Priest...holy garments that speak of

- righteousness of the LORD
- beauty of the LORD
- glory of the LORD
- bearing Israel on His heart and revealing the will of God
- a golden crown...HOLINESS TO THE LORD

Jesus Christ, our High Priest, alone is worthy to be so attired...  
it's who He is, His nature

v10-12 Moses...anointed:

For the purpose of sanctifying, setting apart, wholly devoting for God's holy service...Moses (Father) took the anointing oil and anointed (all shadows of Jesus)

- the Tabernacle/all the pieces of furniture in it – house of LORD
- the altar of burnt offering – the place of worship
- the laver – the place of cleansing
- Aaron – the High Priest (Note: was saturated)  
Ps 133:2 ran down upon beard, to hem of garments

Matt 3:13-17 beginning of His ministry, fulfill this

v13 Moses brought Aaron's son:

Next, after the anointing of Aaron, Moses takes Aaron's sons... those who will follow after him...in whom He dwells... us born-again believers... and clothes them with their holy garments and hats

Heb 3:1-2 Father, Son, called holy brethren  
Gal 3:26-27 children...put on Christ (our garments: Jesus)  
Eph 4:24 put on new man, created in righteousness/true holiness  
Col 3:5-16 our calling, our ministry, our clothes  
2 Tim 4:8 crown of righteousness

v14-15 the sin offering...he slew it:

Next, Moses brought the sin offering (always the first offering) and the Levitical priesthood put their hands on the head of the bull

- to confess their sin
- to transfer their sin and guilt upon a perfect, innocent life
- to accept that perfect, innocent life as their substitute
- to identify with the suffering and sacrifice of that life

Moses, acting as prophet and priest,

- slew and drained the blood of the sin offering
- applied the blood to the 4 corners/horns of the altar
- poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar
- to make reconciliation for sin

Shadows:

The sin offering: Jesus Christ

2 Cor 5:21 reconciliation by being made sin for us

1 John 1:7 blood of JC His Son cleanses us from sin

The altar: the Cross

Moses: the Father and Jesus

John 10:17-18 I have the power to lay down/take again

My life, command. received of My Father

Is 53:10

The fallen, flawed Levitical priesthood tells us of a need for a higher order of priesthood...after the order of Mel. (Heb 7)

- Mel: King of Salem and a priest of the most high God
- Jesus: Prince of Peace, King of kings and our High Priest
- sons: a royal priesthood by faith/re-birth

v16-17 fat...liver...kidneys...hide...flesh...dung:

Moses offered the sin sacrifice

- gave unto the LORD His portion...for it is holy
- disposed of the rest of the repulsive sacrifice, casting it outside the camp

Both consumed in the fire (wrath of God)...

all about Jesus Who bore the wrath of God for us

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him.

v18-21 the burnt offering:

Next, Moses offered the burnt offering, first of the two rams, being faithful to the instructions he had been given

The burnt offering also is a shadow of Jesus Christ...

100% consecrated unto the LORD and acceptable to Him

Aaron and his sons...born of him, as we are of our High Priest... identify themselves with the burnt offering.

Our identity is in Jesus Christ our LORD

Acts 17:28 in Him we live and move and have our being...for we are also His offspring.

v22-24 ram of consecration:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ram is a peace offering...possible after the sin offering and the burnt offering

Moses applied the blood of the ram of consecration on Aaron, and then on his sons

- tip of right ear – hear the Word of God
- thumbs of right hand – do the Word of God (James 1:22)
- big toe of right foot – walk in the Word of God, His will/ways

Aaron's sons...born of him, as we are of our High Priest...

by laying their hands on the head of the ram of consecration, are consecrating themselves 100% to the LORD

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Rom 12:1-2

v25-28 wave offering...burnt on the altar:

Moses then sectioned the ram of consecration, taking out the LORD's portion

- fat – the best
- liver and kidneys – organs that cleanse the blood
- right shoulder – power and strength

to be offered as a

- wave offering – “Thank you!”
- burnt offering – acceptable sacrifice by fire

The ram of consecration is also a shadow of Jesus Christ

Eph 5:2 given Himself for us, sacrifice, sweet-smelling savor

Heb 10:4-14

v29 Moses' part:

The prophet Moses, performing the office of the priest, has a portion of the sacrifice – the breast...seat of the heart

What do the Father and the Son want from us as we consecrate ourselves to them?

Our hearts...our whole heart

v30 Moses took...oil...blood:  
Next, Moses mixes oil in the blood on the altar and anoints/“stains” the holy garments of Aaron and his sons

blood of the Lamb

- cover
- cleanse

and the Spirit of God/Christ

- seal
- empower to hear, do, and walk (Zech 4:6)

v31-32 Boil the flesh...eat:

Now that

- the priests have been
    - washed of their filth
    - properly clothed
    - anointed/sanctified
  - the offerings have been made
    - sin
    - burnt
    - consecration
  - blood and oil have been sprinkled on the priests
- fellowship with the LORD is possible

v33-36 not go out...seven days...that ye die not:

The consecration of the priests (us, born-again of the High Priest)

- was not a one day event (re-birth was, but not sanctification)
- was not quick and easy
- required extended time alone with the LORD to
  - purpose in their mind to hear, do, walk
  - make uncompromising decisions in advance
  - meditate upon the seriousness/holiness of their calling

Their calling was not (ours is not)

- to be taken lightly
- to be performed with a cavalier, “do anything I want to” attitude
- a job, an occupation for worldly gain
  - Phil 3:14 the high calling of God in Christ Jesus
  - Heb 3:1 heavenly calling

Because to misrepresent the LORD is a VERY SERIOUS offense  
(Joel Osteen + Laodicean church leaders)

## Leviticus Chapter 9

v1-7 on the eighth day:

After the seven days, Aaron and his sons begin

- to perform the responsibilities of their office
- their ministry...a ministry of reconciliation

They bring the required sacrifices and offerings to worship the LORD their God...for themselves and the people

v8-11 Aaron...sin offering:

Aaron, now the consecrated High Priest of the Levitical order, makes his 1<sup>st</sup> sacrifice – the sin offering for his sin... no shadows here!

He took the unholy parts of his sin offering thru the people to the place outside the camp... no doubt a very humbling walk for Aaron in light of Ex 32!

v12-14 burnt offering:

Next, Aaron slew the burnt offering, assisted by his sons who collected and presented the blood for Aaron's application upon the altar of burnt offering

v15-21 the people's offering:

Aaron the High Priest offers the peoples' offerings – sin, burnt, and peace

Thus, the whole nation will

- have their filth covered (not cleansed)
- be at peace with the LORD their God
- be in fellowship with the LORD their God

v22-24 Aaron lifted...blessed...glory...fire:

After the sacrifices were complete...after it was finished...

Aaron the High Priest lifted his hands and blessed the people

What was the blessing? Num 6:24-26?

Shadow: Luke 24:49-51 by our High Priest after it was finished

Then what happened?

- Shekinah glory of the LORD appeared
- fire came from heaven and consumed the burnt offering
  - 1 Chron 21:26 (David on Mt Moriah)
  - 2 Chron 7:1 (Solomon's Temple)
  - 1 K 18:38 (Elijah on Mt Carmel)
- the people rejoiced and worshipped
  - Blessed *is he whose* transgression *is* forgiven, *whose sin is* covered.
  - Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputes not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.
  - Ps 32:1-2

Ch 8-9...applied in our lives today and going into a very eventful 2008...

- Filth of sin has been washed away by the blood of the Lamb, the Spirit of God, the water of the Word (Ch 8:6)
- As sons of God, born-again by grace thru faith in our High Priest, put on Jesus and the new man (Ch 8:13)
- Lay our hands on the sacrifice of the Lamb of God, our sin offering...we confess, transfer, accept, identify with (Ch 8:14)
- 100 % consecrated unto the LORD...right ear to hear, right thumb to do, right big toe to walk (Ch 8:24)
- Oil and blood anointed/stained...cleansed, sealed, empowered (Ch 8:30)
- Contemplate, meditate on, purpose in our mind regarding the seriousness and holiness of our high calling (Ch 8:33-36)
- Exercise the office of priest...the ministry of reconciliation...(Ch 9:1-21) forgiveness, grace, mercy, kindness, Gospel of Jesus Christ... with each other and with the lost
- Worship the LORD...rejoicing in our salvation and falling on our faces in humility and thanks before such a good and awesome God (Ch 9:22-23)



What will happen as we apply these things to our hearts?

- The Glory of the LORD shines in us, the Temple of the Holy Spirit (Ch 9:24)
- The fire...the promise of the Father (Acts 2)...has been started by the LORD...and we are to never let it go out (Ch 9:24)

Live your life as the LORD intended you to live it!

- Hands on, leaning hard on Jesus Christ
- Hands full of Jesus Christ, offering continual thanks
- 100% consecrated...sold-out for Jesus Christ
  - unconditional surrender of self (Ch 8...riches of Eph 1-3)
  - interceding for others (Ch 9...responsibilities of Eph 4-6)
    - spouse
    - children
    - employee/employer
    - brothers/sisters in the LORD

And the LORD will descend and you will be on-fire!  
No greater way to live....starting right now!

What keeps us back from living life as the LORD intended us to live it?

- fear...Matt 10:28
- sin/pride...Repent!
- compromise...unholiness

We've been SOOO blessed by Jesus Christ our Deliverer and High Priest...  
are we presenting Him our whole heart?

2 Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him

## Don't go into 2008

- not cleansed by the blood of The Lamb and not sealed by the Spirit of God –  
surrender unconditionally today...  
the day accepted day of salvation...is now!
- with an unholy, lukewarm, compromised walk with the LORD –  
be 100% devoted...keeping His Word, not denying His name
- going thru the motions...sleep-walking in your personal relationship with  
Jesus Christ – wake up!

Darkness has crept over evangelical Christianity...

Bible-believing, born-again Christians

A deceptive and deadly mixture of

- return to the “mother church”...RCC
  - inter-faith ecumenicalism...unity at the expense of truth
  - New Age
  - Eastern mysticism
- satisfied –  
want MORE of Jesus!  
shine your light brighter!

## Leviticus Chapter 10

Last time: Consecration of the Levitical priesthood and the beginning of their ministry  
This time: Sloppy priesthood...from the get-go!

The Levitical priesthood is flawed, imperfect...and fails immediately, just like

- man (Gen 3)
- the nation of Israel
- the Church (Rev 2-3...30 years later)

Are you ready for this?

v1-2 strange fire...devoured them:

Following Ch 9, so perhaps on the 8<sup>th</sup> day after their consecration,  
Aaron's two oldest sons (Ex 6:23)

- Nadab: "liberal"
- Abihu: "worshipper of God"

made a fatal mistake....

- an unauthorized/illegal use of fire
- took liberty with their worship of God (as names say)

They both

- took a censor...a pan to carry live coals
- put fire in the censor
- put incense on the fire in the censor
- offered "strange" fire to the LORD...

"common, profane, adulterous" fire

which they were not commanded by the Word of God to do...and...

Right then, right there...were killed by the LORD.

A refining fire came out from the LORD...

to purify and to judge His priests.

They sinned by fire, they were judged by fire...immediately.

What is the problem that warranted such an immediate and harsh judgment by the LORD?

- They both took it upon themselves to do that which was only given Aaron the High Priest to do (Ex 30:7-8)
- They did not take fire that came from heaven from the altar of burnt offering...they took fire from a common fire... ala “strange incense” (Ex 30:9)
- After all the instruction by Moses and time alone with the LORD to meditate on their calling before getting started, they worshipped the right God...but the wrong way... in a puffed-up, man-centered, self-willed way
- With presumptuous (“high-handed” and haughty) disregard of the LORD’s direction concerning how to worship Him, they mocked the LORD and the holy things of the LORD

This not the first time, and will not be the last time, such haughtiness was severely punished

- Gen 3...Adam and Eve (not to eat...”to touch” and ff) were cursed and expelled
- Gen 4...Cain (sacrifice other than an acceptable sacrifice) was cursed, expelled, and marked
- Num 15:32-36...violator of the Sabbath (picking up sticks) was stoned to death (v30-31)
- Acts 5...Ananias and Sapphira (lied to the LORD) dropped dead

Why such severe punishment by the LORD?

- To quash the presumptuous, haughty heart of man
- To establish reverence/fear and holiness...  
Because holiness is not a suggestion...it is a command.  
Because the Word of God is not for picking-and-choosing  
or for private interpretation

Is “strange fire” something we need to be concerned with today?  
Oh mercy! Nothing new under the sun!

What is modern day “strange fire”?

- haughty presumption of a priestly class ruling over the common people...making themselves mediators... doctrine of the Nicolaitans  
(Rev 2:6, 14-15, 20...Ephesus, Pergamos...Thyatira)
- religion...salvation by good works...salvation my way  
(Eph 2:8-9, [ Luther Jan 1 ]  
Rom 10:2, James 1:27)
- mocking or being careless with the high, holy, heavenly calling in Christ Jesus  
(Prosperity Gospel...[ Osteen “summary” ] )
- merchandising the Gospel and men  
(2 Peter 2:1-3...the show-me-the-money televangelists)
- a new/vintage way to worship the holy LORD God  
(EC = RCC + NA + EM)...
- ecumenicalism...unity of religions...at the expense of truth...  
Jew/Christian/Muslim worship the same god (Bush)...  
Jew/Christian/Muslim as partners in PEACE (Warren +)  
all religions lead to same God  
(spiritual tower of Babel...Word is not ecumenical...  
John 14:6)
- church sanction of sodomy  
(acceptable leaders, redefinition of marriage)

Strange fire results in apostasy...

- not keeping the Word
- denying His name

In the days of Charles Spurgeon and DL Moody, sound doctrine  
drew the hearts of men

In the days of Joel Osteen, Benny Hinn, and Rick Warren, tickling the ears  
draws the hearts of men

So why are those who offer strange fire,  
who take liberty in worshipping God,  
not devoured by fire from the LORD today like in Lev 10?

John 1:17

But God is not mocked...man reaps what he sows!

Rom 12:3

James 3:1 leaders who “do it their way”, those who follow

Matt 7:21-24

A vast multitude of people know *about* God...*about* Jesus  
But such knowledge does not save one’s soul from the holy  
wrath of God Whose name is Jealous  
James 2:19

A mere remnant *trusts in* God...*trusts in* Jesus

They believe

- what the Word says about God, about Jesus
- Jesus Christ is Who He says He is
- God will do what He says He will do
- in life and in death...they cannot deny Him

They

- believe in no man, no church, and no thing like they do in Jesus Christ
- rely completely on Jesus Christ
- trust completely, whole-heartedly, upon Jesus Christ
- dare to be in fervent, intimate, personal relationship with Him

Such faith saves one’s soul from the wrath of God

v3 I will be sanctified...I will be glorified:

The LORD, thru Moses, offers this concise explanation to Aaron:

“I will be sanctified by the priests

- declared holy and pure
- worshipped as holy and pure
- represented as holy and pure

I will be glorified by all the people.”

The jealous God Whose name is Jealous (Ex 34:14) was neither sanctified nor glorified by “Liberal” and “Worshipper of God” and their strange/profane/adulterous fire.

Aaron held his peace:

Aaron’s response to the LORD’s explanation of the judgment of his sons is silence and submission

Man has nothing to say to a holy, jealous God

Man is in no position to argue or negotiate or compromise

Man’s place is to unconditionally submit to his Creator

v4-5 Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan:

So Aaron's two younger sons would not become ceremonially unclean by touching a dead body, Moses calls two cousins of his and Aaron (Ex 6:18)

- Mishael: "Who God is"
- Elzaphan: "God of treasure" (don't ever forget that!)

Moses instructs them to carry the dead in their garments out of the camp of Israel.

Notice: There are bodies to be carried, not ashes

Their garments are defiled, but intact

So...what came out from the LORD in v2? Lightning?

In Revelation, lightning is associated with judgment/wrath

v6-7 Uncover not...neither rend...lest:

Moses goes on to warn Aaron and his 2 younger sons

- Eleazar: "God is helper"
- Ithamar: "coast of palms" (victory)

1. "Do not take off your hats...do not tear your garments.

Do not mourn the LORD's holy judgment of sin.

If you do, you will die and the wrath of God will fall on the entire congregation.

You represent the LORD and His holiness...

do not disagree with and oppose the LORD...

do not misrepresent the LORD!

Instead, let the entire congregation mourn the sin of your

sons/brothers and the judgment of God for it.

This is a lesson the whole nation needs to learn."

This should be our heart towards all those who offer strange fire...  
to mourn the sin...and to warn them and all (Ezk 3)

2. "Do not leave the LORD's house because the holy anointing oil of the LORD is still on you.

Do not cease from serving in the house of the LORD.

You are not at liberty to come and go as you choose in the office of priest...or to do as you choose in your calling

The LORD has chosen you for His own....

you will serve and worship Him as He commands.

If you blow off the LORD and leave, you will die."

Aaron and his sons obeyed...whether due to love or fear (Jude 21-23)

v8-11 Do not drink wine nor strong drink:

Now, the LORD speaks directly to Aaron...God to priest

“Do not **ever** drink intoxicating wine or any other alcoholic beverage when you come to serve Me in My house...or you will die.”

The timing and the audience of the LORD’s remark begs a question – Did Nadab and Abihu go to Happy Hour and then go to work? Were Nadab and Abihu “hammered” in v1-2? Methinks so!

Why this command regarding alcohol?

The introduction of leaven causes a “puffing up”...fermentation... that changes the nature of a beverage, giving it a mind-altering characteristic

Leaven produces a beverage that is attractive and “fun”... but is actually a destructive counterfeit

- joy
- comfort
- peace

Alcoholic beverages

- blur the mind
- dull the senses
- excite lust
- slur the speech
- change behavior (lethargic or violent)
- corrupt good judgment by distorting reality
- deceive the heart
- solve no problems, make all problems worse
- make you stupid!

Note: The doctrine of being “drunk in the Spirit”... holy laughter, barking, rolling around... is a false teaching from liberal worshippers of God that introduce leaven into worship...a counterfeit move of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 14:32



The One True and Living God commands his priests and kings  
(Prov 31:4-5, Rev 1:5-6, 1 Peter 2:9) to be sober...

- clear-minded, right-minded vs confused
- discerning between holy and unholy/profane
- discerning between pure and polluted
- discerning between true and false
- orderly vs disorderly
- undivided of heart and mind
- embracing the True vs the counterfeit
- teaching (by example) our children the Word of God

Drunkenness is sin...

false doctrines are intoxicating

Intoxicating beverages have no place in a Christian's life  
(when are we "royal priests" not on duty?)

v12-15 Take...eat:

Moses again addresses the Levitical priesthood:

"Carry on. Resume your duties, get back to your calling.

Eat your portion of the offerings

- meat: unleavened..."unfermented"
- peace: giving thanks by waving your portion before the  
LORD Who has given it to you

v16-18 diligently sought the goat...was angry:

Moses was led by the LORD to diligently check into the performance of Eleazar and Ithamar relative to their eating their portion of the people's sin offering (Ch 6:24-26)

Moses discovered the goat completely burnt...the priests had NOT eaten their portion as the LORD commanded them

Moses bursts into a rage at the laxity of Eleazar and Ithamar...  
a righteous anger toward sin

“Why did you not do as you were told?

The LORD does not give suggestions!

You were commanded to eat the sin offering of the people...

to bear their sin for them (types of Christ, 2 Cor 5:21).

Immediately, the Levitical priesthood has been found

- haughty in their worship of the LORD  
(Nadab and Abihu...Liberal Worshipper of God)
- remiss in the performance of their duties  
(Eleazar and Ithamar...God is helper, victor)
- woefully short of the holiness and glory of God  
Serving the LORD is not like ordering at BK...  
we don't "have it our way"

v19-20 befallen me...accepted in the sight of the LORD...content:

Aaron answers for his sons, who are undoubtedly rattled and terrified

“After the events of this very heavy day, we have no appetite.

We could not eat...our hearts were not right, our motives not pure.

Better that we not eat than we commune with a bad heart.

We were not worthy to commune with the LORD.

Since the sin offering is for us alone, we burnt the 'remainder'.

With our hearts in this condition, would the LORD have been pleased if we had eaten/communed with Him?”

Moses heard

- the words
- the heavy tone of the words
- the “pure” heart from which the words came
- submission vs rebellion or neglect

and he accepted Aaron's explanation...

and mercy/grace is compassionately given for their disobedience.

But suffice it to say...the Levitical priesthood was put on notice today!

In our day, in our nation...sloppy priesthood and lots of strange fire  
Why so sloppy?

Because here in “Fat, Dumb, and Happy Land” we live a sloppy, unholy Christianity

- saying you are a “Christian” costs nothing...means nothing
- going to church is a human social event rather than a Divine spiritual event
- Christians do not depend on Jesus and have let His fire go out
- Christians are sleepy, complacent, comfortable...deceived

Christianity is energized elsewhere in the world...places where it costs something  
to carry the name Jesus Christ, to be a born-again Christian

- Israel
- Egypt
- India
- China
- North Korea
  - meetings are 1:1, words may or may not be exchanged...
  - then move on to other 1:1...a chain of encouragement

The Church (Thyatira, Sardis, Laodicea) in USA is unholy, dead, fat/dumb/happy...  
and will be refined by fire

As the Church embraces Islam, Hinduism, Romanism, I see calamity and persecution  
coming to genuine, born-again Christians in USA...  
persecution by non-Christians and “Christians”

So do others ( [\[KP article\]](#) )

OK by me! So real believers will become energized, sold-out, on-fire for Jesus!  
Wake up church! Wake up CCA!

The warning of Lev 10 is quite urgent and intense:

Be holy! Be faithful! Be on-fire rather than “lit up”!

Know the seriousness of worshipping the right God the wrong way...with

- pride
  - puffed up by the shouts of the people (Ch 9:24)
  - thinking you are worthy of your calling and therefore special
- seeking worldly success (numbers) vs Godly success (faithfulness)
- self-will...worship God your way
- man-centered, worldly “innovations”

Sloppiness in serving, sloppiness in worship, sloppiness in holiness,  
is trampling on the holy things of God

[\[Heb 10:22-31\]](#)

The priesthood carries a heavy responsibility.

John 1:17...but that is no excuse for sloppiness!

How to avoid strange fire...and being vulnerable to its deception

- Continue in Jesus' words...Know the Truth and the truth will set you free  
(John 8:32, 36)
- Study to show yourself approved, able to rightly divide the word of truth  
(2 Tim 2:15)
- Worship in spirit and in truth  
(John 4:24)
- Fall in love with the Word of God (Ps 119:97, 113, 127)...  
and eat of it personally every day (Ps 1:1-3)  
People play with strange fire when they personally wander from the  
Word of God
- Fear God and not man  
1 Peter 4:12-19

Sadly, I often end up "preaching to the choir"

Well...it's time for the choir to get out of its comfort zone and get busy about the  
Father's business – seeking and saving the lost

- the unbeliever
- the deceived "Christian"

Brothers and sisters, are you ready?

- To be scorned and mocked for your active and verbal faith in Jesus, Who was  
scorned and mocked for your sin?
- To go to prison for your active and verbal faith in Jesus, Who has set all the  
captives free?
- To die for your active and verbal faith in Jesus, Who died that you might live?
- To stand up and be counted for Jesus, Whose opinion alone counts?

Are you ready?

Get ready!

## Leviticus Chapter 11

Days 5 and 6 of creation (Gen 1:20-31)

- water creatures
- birds
- land creatures
- man...given dominion over all

and “it was good” or “very good”

Now it is not good?

Gen 3...sin, death, corruption...clean and unclean

Gen 8:20...clean and unclean animals after the Flood/judgment

But what about Noah, “graduating” from vegetarian (Gen 1:29) to a meat eater?

Gen 9:3-4

Noah was not Jewish!

Now, the children of AI&J/Israel are given dietary restrictions

- for their daily health and protection from disease
- to make a separate/peculiar culture for His separate/peculiar people

These are laws regarding the food they could eat given only to Israel, not to Gentiles

- beasts/livestock
- seafood
- poultry
- insects

Generally speaking

- Herbivores – kosher, within certain parameters
- Carnivores – not kosher
- Filth eaters – not kosher

By their culture, diet, and resulting health, Israel would be God’s witness to the world

v1-3 the children of Israel...the beasts which ye shall eat:

First, the beasts of the fields that are kosher are those

- with divided hooves...completely split
- that chew the cud...have multiple stomachs, bring food up into mouth from 1<sup>st</sup> stomach for better digestion and nutrition (what we are to do with the Word of God, Ps 1)

Further defined in Deut 14:2-6

So...ox-tail stew, remarkably, is kosher

v4-8 these shall ye not eat:

Forbidden are beasts of the field that do not meet both of the above requirements

- split-hoofed but do not chew the cud
- chew the cud but not split-hoofed

Specifically mentioned:

- camel
- coney...En Gedi
- hare/rabbit...rabbit stew is off limits
- pig...ham, pork chops, pickled pigs feet are forbidden  
(eat filth, do not sweat, disease-ridden until recent times)

v9-12 that are in the waters:

Kosher seafood is fish...from salt water, fresh water, rivers, lakes, seas

Unclean are

- bottom feeders...and you know what is on the bottom!
  - catfish
  - shellfish...seafood gumbo
    - lobster
    - shrimp
    - crab...Alaskan King crab
    - clams...clam chowder
- marine mammals...warm-blooded
  - whale
  - dolphin
- non-scaled fish
  - shark (predator)
  - squid
  - eel
- amphibians...frog legs, eye of newt soup

v13-19 among the fowls:

Kosher poultry is not mentioned...

but grain eaters like chicken, turkey, duck, and goose are fine

Not clean are

- birds of prey
- scavengers...the LORD's sanitation dept
- eaters of unclean seafood
- flying vermin...bats

v20-23 fowls that creep...yet...flying:  
Next, flying insects

Unclean are

- bees, wasps, etc...stinging/flesh-piercing insects
- flies...filth eaters
- mosquitoes...blood suckers

But feel free to make appetizers and stews from 4 kinds of locusts  
If good enough for John the Baptist, good enough for us!

v24-28 carcass...upon his paws:

Also unclean/unsanitary:

- touching the carcass of any animal
- being touched by the carcass of any animal
- eating animals that walk on paws
  - dogs, wolves, foxes
  - cats, lions, tigers
  - bears
  - primates...apes, monkeys

Note: dogs were not household pets in Israel...they were wild and diseased flesh-eating predators and scavengers

v29-38 creeping things:

Forbidden for food are

- rodents
  - weasels
  - ferrets
  - mice...destroyers of fields
  - rats...eat filth
  - moles
- lizards
- land amphibians...tortoise, toad, gators (predator)
- snails...escargot

And anything that that touches a dead critter of such shall be unclean

So pest control was hugely important in the camp of Israel...  
And should be in the Body of Christ also

v39-40 any beast...carcass:

In fact, any one that touches any dead thing is unclean  
Death is corruption, unclean

v41-43 creeping thing...upon the belly:

Back to the dietary restrictions

Unclean...an abomination...are creeping things that navigate

- on their bellies...worms, snakes/serpents
- on many feet...centipedes, millipedes

v44-45 For I am the LORD your God...be holy, for I am holy:

Why this dietary law?

Why the Law at all?

What is the issue in Leviticus...in the Word of God?

Holiness...separation from the world and unto the holy LORD

This is the key verse/command in Leviticus...quoted in 1 Peter 1:16

This is the basis for all the laws given to the children of Israel

The object of holiness is not religion...

it is a right relationship with the holy, Living God

v46-47 This is the law of the beasts:

The purpose of the dietary law is to distinguish between clean/holy and unclean/unholy of that which is ingested for food

With the dietary law came

- preservation of health
- another piece of the Jewish culture...a peculiar culture for a people called to be God's witnesses to the nations

So what?



What does Lev 11 have to do with us today?

1. Jesus
2. being Jesus' witnesses...a peculiar people with a peculiar culture called to be God's witnesses to the nations

1. Jesus...the Word of God

Regarding the dietary law (kosher vs forbidden food)...Rom 10:4

Acts 10:9-16, 34-35

- in the house of a tanner...always unclean
- the Gentile Pentecost
- Jesus is LORD of all...by faith (Gal 3:28)

1 Tim 4:4-5

Rom 14:23b with Hab 2:4

Regarding the bigger picture, we need a steady diet of the Word of God for

- our daily health
- disease prevention (sin)

Matt 4:4

Matt 15:17-20 with Rom 12:1-2

We need to daily fill ourselves with the Word of God...  
to eat/ingest/believe God's truth

We need to avoid eating/ingesting/believing unclean, diseased things  
Self...healthy living starts with denying self (diseased, poison)  
Words...false teachings...lies

When we have "acquired a taste" for God's Word/truth,  
we can immediately "taste" poison and spit it out  
And we will live healthier lives.

## 2. A peculiar culture for God's witnesses to the nations

We born-again believers in Jesus Christ are peculiar – purchased by His blood  
As the children of God (John 1:12) and citizens of heaven (Phil 3:20),  
we have a peculiar culture...the Word of God...  
that transcends all worldly cultures

Our lives are to project God's culture, not American culture, Hispanic culture, etc  
We are sent by Jesus Christ to be His witnesses in all worldly cultures  
John 20:21  
Acts 1:8

This past week Luis and I attended the CC Missions Conference  
Over 700 people in the same room with the same mindset,  
on the same wave-length – sold-out, on-fire for Jesus Christ  
Jesus was the Top Priority of every person in the room...it was awesome!

We listened to, talked with brothers and sisters serving the LORD in

Mexico  
Chile  
Peru

England  
Italy  
Austria  
Ukraine  
Romania  
Ireland

Israel  
Iran  
Afghanistan

Ethiopia  
Sudan  
Kenya  
Nigeria  
Uganda

Philippines  
Mongolia  
Nepal

United States

And we certainly didn't get a chance to talk with everyone

Given our peculiar culture and witness to the nations as God's people...  
who is a missionary...where are the mission fields?

Every born-again believer is a missionary...a witness of the Living God  
to the nations...starting at home

husband and wife at home...missionary to each other  
father and mother at home...missionaries to their children  
siblings at home...to each other and their parents  
roommates at home...to each other  
you and me in school, at work, in our neighborhoods...  
to the lost and the deceived living in darkness without hope  
brothers and sisters in different cultures across the globe...  
lost, living in darkness without hope

What is the mindset of a missionary?

- to humbly seek after God's heart and to be used by Him  
(Is 6:8)
- to witness of/express that heart...outward-focused, not inward-focused  
(Matt 22:36-40)
- to go wherever, whenever, to do whatever  
(John 3:8)
- to go by faith...not knowing where you are going  
(Heb 11:8)
- to go with the power of God, the promise of the Father  
(Acts 1:8)
- to have no confidence in the flesh  
(Phil 3:2-3)
- not to do the LORD's work but to be a vessel thru which the LORD  
works...in His ways, in His timing
  - which requires faith and longsuffering...  
doing something you don't want to...for a long time
  - knowing God's will unfolds with suffering  
(Moses, Joseph, David, prophets, apostles)
- to pray...fervently and without ceasing...  
being totally dependent upon the LORD

How can a person...a born-again believer...a missionary...  
think that way, live that way?

By staying close to Jesus...walking by faith and not sight...  
clinging to Jesus, gladly releasing the American Dream (Delusion)

And Jesus is

- going...to this day, throughout the world!
- busy about the Father's business, seeking/saving the lost!

How does Jesus go? How does He work?  
Thru His Body...us

- Chinese translation of Pastor Chuck Gen – Rev...and soon Hindi
- *Heavenly Man*...a missionary in his own country
- Farsi NT (training underground pastors in Armenia and Istanbul)

And a little church like ours can impact the world!

CC Yorba Linda – about our size of fellowship

- 40 missionaries in 14 nations
- others waiting to go
- Missions budget greater than the church budget

Our little church is having an impact...and can have a greater impact!

- Jerusalem
  - Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs: equipping the saints in this field
  - Outreach: all of us, one soul at a time
  - KPXQ: 20,000 missionaries every weekday morning
- Judea
  - CC Coolidge
  - Luis
  - Internet/Podcast: 28,000 studies
- Samaria
  - Mexico
  - “family” in McPherson KS (pray for family situation)
- Uttermost parts (prayer, financial support, short-term trips)
  - Israel
  - Egypt
  - Philippines
  - China

Yet there is so much more we can do!

- 150,000 people die every day...where are they going?
- 2M untrained pastors
- CC Nairobi...literally starving in a nation in utter chaos  
(food scarce, prices skyrocketing)

What can we do?

What can we do to reach the nations, one soul at a time?

- our Christian marriages can be the best marriages in the neighborhood
- our Christian employees can be the best employees at work
- our Christian students can be model students
  
- we can love each other more (John 13:34-35)
  
- we can be as comfortable in speaking about Jesus Christ as we are about our work...as boldly proclaim His love and grace as we do our favorite sports team/other passion
- we can pray more – individually and corporately come to the Prayer Meeting...only a handful do now (fellowship, city, nation, nations)
  
- we can go on short-term mission trips
- we can go and live in another nation
- we can financially support more from our great abundance (compared to rest of world, all of us are rich)

One person can make a great impact...1 Chron 16:9...

Hudson Taylor, Amy Carmichael...

- at home
- at school
- at work
- in greater Phoenix
- in USA
- in another nation

At the Conference, my heart was stirred by the enormity of the world's need for Jesus Christ

I would love to be a missionary in a foreign land...in a different culture!

I would move to Mexico tomorrow

I would move to Spain tomorrow

I would move to Israel tomorrow

I have an invitation from Israel

This is not my ministry...ministry of CCA belongs to Jesus

I am expendable here...I can be re-assigned at any time...I am mortal

All week I cried out to the LORD:

“What do You want me to do?”

“Where do You want me to go?”

He responded quickly by asking me a question –

“What do you want?”

The key to the answer to that question is...love (John 13:34-35)  
I love you, brothers and sisters!

So...what do I want?

I want

the best for you.  
you to be strong and healthy children of God.

Too many of us are not strong, not healthy...  
don't eat healthy (Word, fellowship, prayer, doing/exercise)  
eat junk food (self, world, lies from the father of lies)  
are starving, too...but it is self-imposed  
and it breaks my heart

My heart is heavy when I see one of us

- so easily discouraged and shaken by life's circumstances
- so easily ripped off by the devil (joy and peace)
- so easily distracted from the Priority in Life
- compromise the Word of God
- bitter
- inconsistent in walk, in fellowship and prayer
- burdened by stressed and strained relationships

I want you

- to decrease so Jesus will increase.
- to stay close to Jesus
- to go with Jesus, wherever He takes you.
- to be outwardly focused, not inwardly focused

I want more of Jesus Christ...a more intimate relationship with Him!  
I want the same for you.

Having answered the LORD's question..."What do you want?"...  
He answered mine to Him

"What do You want me to do? Where do You want me to go?"

I am to be His witness...a missionary...

- in my house to my wife and children
- in Phoenix, AZ, USA
- to you, this fellowship of believers

I want to be His witness to you...

I want you to go be His witnesses in a dead and dying world...wherever

Time is short...so much is to be done

Matt 9:35-38

We don't need a plan – Jesus already has one! (Acts 1:8)  
All we need is faith...and the power of the Holy Spirit to obey...  
to die to self so others may see Jesus and live

## Leviticus Chapter 12

Ch 12-15     Cleanliness Laws  
Ch 12        Childbirth

v1-2     man child...she shall be unclean 7 days:

Given to the children of Israel...another part of their unique, peculiar culture as God's witness to the nations

If a woman gives birth to a boy, she will be ceremonially unclean for 7 days and is to be separated for her infirmity

Children are a blessing

Ps 127:3-5     a inheritance/reward of the LORD  
Happy is the man with a quiver full of them!

John 16:21     A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.

So why is the woman ceremonially unclean, unable to participate in the activities at the Tabernacle/Temple?

For the issue of blood following childbirth, like her menstrual cycle (Ch 15:19)

Note: the child is clean

v3        eighth day...circumcised:

Then, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, the boy is circumcised...  
the sign of the covenant with Abraham

Gen 17:4-14    if not, will be cut off from his people  
Ex 4:24-26     no exceptions!

The 8<sup>th</sup> day is the optimal day for this procedure

- for blood coagulation in boy's body
- before development of pain sensitivity in that part of boy's body

Once again, (medical) science eventually catches up to the Word of God



v4 continue in the blood of her purifying 33 days:  
Then, the new mother is to remain in her home for another 33 days while  
“her blood is purified”  
Therefore, she is separated from Tabernacle/Temple worship for a total of  
40 days after giving birth to a boy

Other interesting “33”s in Scripture:

- David reigned in Hebron for 7 years (v2) and the entire nation in Jerusalem for 33 years (v4) (1 Chron 29:27)
- 33 years after Jesus was born, all men of faith were purified by His blood and allowed into the sanctuary of God (Heb 4:16, Matt 27:51)

v5 maid child:

However, if the woman gives birth to a daughter, the times are doubled:

- ceremonially unclean for 14 days
- her blood purified for another 66 days
- total separation from Tabernacle/Temple worship for 80 days

Why 2x for a girl? I don't know...the Bible doesn't say.

All I could offer is speculation...so I won't

I know, however, that male and female are both highly prized by  
the LORD

v6-7 days...are fulfilled...burnt offering...sin offering:

At the end of the 40 or 80 days, the mother was to bring offerings to the  
Tabernacle/Temple

- burnt: gratitude for the blessing and consecration of the child unto the LORD
- sin: for atonement  
Since Gen 3...fall of man, original sin...  
Ps 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and  
in sin did my mother conceive me.

Therefore, WHY the Seed of the Woman (Jesus Christ)

John 1:14, 29

1 Tim 2:15...woman saved in childbirth

v8 if she is not able to bring a lamb:  
Because she and her husband were poor

Luke 2:22-24

- burnt offering
- sin offering

Meaning...Miriam/Mary was NOT without sin, as proclaimed by  
Roman Church 1500 years after-the-fact

A tradition of man that has made the Word of God of no  
effect...which Jesus condemned.

## Leviticus Chapter 13

Ch 13-14      Cleanliness Laws, continued: Leprosy

And applied to all communicable diseases...smallpox, measles, scarlet fever  
As diet and pest control were huge issues in the camp of Israel for disease control purposes (Ch 11), so was cleanliness  
The Levitical priesthood was commissioned by the LORD as the “CDC” of Israel

Note: Bubonic Plague and other plagues that nearly wiped out Europe in the Middle Ages (when Roman Church was the political power) were arrested when the Cleanliness Laws of the Jews were implemented/obeyed

Today, for political reasons, USA/Europe have abandoned these instructions when it comes to AIDS, the most deadly disease to ever attack mankind!

v1-3    a plague of leprosy...pronounce him unclean:

The LORD is speaking to Moses the prophet and Aaron the High Priest...because the careful examination of communicable diseases is the responsibility of the High Priest and his sons

Every sore...swollen infection, scab, and white spot...on the body of any Jew had to be carefully examined by the priest

The Word is clear about the symptoms of the infectious disease

1. hair in the sore is white...a sign of decay  
black hair is a sign of health and strength
2. deeper than the skin

What happens to the “unclean” is discussed later in the chapter

v4-6 shut him up seven days:

If it is uncertain whether or not the sore etc is leprous...quarantine.

Erring on the side of public safety rather than on individuals "rights",  
the priest would have the "suspect" isolated...  
giving his health condition time to show itself.

After seven days, another careful examination.

If the condition is unchanged...no greater, no less...back into to  
quarantine for another 7 days.

Extreme caution is taken so as to not jeopardize the health of this  
little nation.

If, after the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in isolation, the sore has faded...  
is healing and not spreading...the "suspect" is pronounced  
clean by the priest and allowed to go home.

But, having been sequestered for 14 days without a shower, he was  
to take a bath and wash his clothes! PTL!

v7-8 But if the scab spread...after:

However, if the condition worsens after being pronounced clean, he must  
be carefully examined again by the priest.

There was no statute of limitations on "clean"...the stakes were too high

v9-11 quick raw flesh...an old leprosy:

When a person had an infection, he had to be examined, even if he didn't  
want to be examined

His family and friends would bring him if he were unwilling to go by  
himself, denying or being "blind" to his condition

If the swelling

- is white
- has turned hair white
- exposes raw flesh

it is a "sleeping" or obstinate leprosy...no doubt about it.

So quarantine is not needed to make sure.

It is certain that it's time to send him out of the camp of Israel (v46)

v12-17 cover all the skin...he is clean:  
A very curious thing.

v12-13 If the leprosy covers the entire body of a person, the priest will examine him and pronounce him clean.  
Even though the partially covered man was unclean (v9-11).

Different stages of the disease: partial is contagious, covered is not

v14-15 But, if raw flesh appears at any time, he is unclean...contagious

v16-17 If the ruddy, raw flesh turns white again, his is clean...  
not contagious

v18-23 a boil:

If the sore is a boil...

- has a swollen reddish-white rising...pus and blood mixed  
(so where do you want to go to lunch after service?)
- is deeper than the skin
- has turned hair white...a sign of decay

the priest will pronounce the afflicted person as ceremonially unclean.

But if those symptoms are not clearly determined by the priest, the person is isolated for 7 days to make sure he is not contagious

After seven days,

- if the boil has spread, Unclean!
- if it has not spread but is just an isolated, inflamed boil, he is declared clean...not diseased and not contagious

v24-28 hot burning:

In the case of a burn...as by fire...carefully examined for the same symptoms.

If there is any doubt...quarantine

After 7 days,

- if the skin condition has spread...unclean
- if not, it's just a blister...clean

v29-37 upon the head or beard...scurf:  
Same procedure for a scaly condition on the head or beard/face

The LORD is serious about the health of His people!

v38-39 bright spots...freckled spot:  
Every spot and blemish needed to be carefully examined by the priest.  
If they were just freckles, clean

v40-44 hair is fallen off his head:  
Now...baldness...involuntary vs self-inflicted/stylish baldness  
Baldness is a disease?  
No...but it is an early symptom of leprosy

Any blemish on the old chrome dome needs to be examined like every  
other part of the body...the plague may be in the head!

v45-46 the leper in whom the plague is...shall be defiled:  
For any judgment by the High Priest of leprosy above, the afflicted...  
the leper...is defiled.

He will go about society bearing

- signs of mourning, sorrow, a contrite heart
  - his clothes are to be torn...
  - his head shaved bare
- signs of disgrace and humiliation
  - his upper lip covered
  - walk about crying "Unclean! Unclean!"

And he will live isolated from all healthy people...  
to be avoided by the healthy people...for the good of all

Even if

- he is a king (Uzziah...2 Chron 26:19-21)
- she is Moses' sister (Miriam...Num 12:13-15)

v47-49 the garment:

Communicable health problems can also be found in clothes, fabric.  
Mildew, mold, fungus.

They too need to be carefully examined by the priests.

wool  
cotton/linen  
leather

For all you who do not weave your own clothes,  
the warp is the thread that runs the length of the garment,  
the woof is the thread that runs across the warp

If the fabric has a foreign green or red “stain”, it is “diseased”

v50-59 shut up...seven days:

The priest will take a close look and “quarantine” the garment for 7 days.

If the “stain” spreads, the leprosy is getting worse.  
So the garment must be burned with fire to kill the plague.

If the plague has not spread, better to be safe than sorry, so it is  
thoroughly washed and quarantined for another 7 days.

After the washing and sequestering, if the garment is unchanged,  
the plague is still alive so the garment must be burned to  
prevent a breakout.

If the garment is “improved”, the affected part is to be cut out and  
burned.  
Let’s just hope it wasn’t the backside of the pair of trousers.  
And the garment is to be washed again and pronounced as  
clean.

So what does this have to do with us today?

What are we to learn about the law of cleanliness concerning leprosy?

1. About leprosy
2. Leprosy as a type of sin
3. The examination/judgment of our High Priest

## 1. About leprosy...is a horrible disease!

- Lies deep inside a man, “sleeping”/dormant until it starts to blossom
- It first appears as small red spots on the skin
- As it grows, the spots swell and turn white, having a shiny or scaly appearance
- It spreads over the entire body, attacking the nervous system as it grows
- While it grows and spreads, it is infectious
- It “eats”/consumes the flesh
  - Hair falls out
  - Fingernails and toenails fall out
  - Fingers and toes fall off
  - Gums recede and teeth fall out
  - Nose and eyes are consumed
- As their flesh rots, lepers are “walking dead”, a loathsome, abominable sight
- Unfit for fellowship with others due to their corruption, lepers are separated from healthy society
- A long, slow, horrible, miserable death

## 2. Leprosy as a type of sin

- Sin lies deep in a man, dormant at birth  
Gen 3...all born with a sinful nature  
Jer 17:9  
Ps 38:3           no rest in my bones because of my sin
- Pride, a swelling up, is the genesis of all sin
- Sin grows, blossoms, slowly and steadily...but it then can erupt  
Gen 4:7           sin lies at the door, you are his desire
- As sin grows, it increasingly numbs the senses to evil  
Eph 4:17-19
- Sin is contagious, tempting the flesh  
1 Cor 15:33   evil company corrupts
- Sin eats the flesh, consuming it  
Ps 38:3           there is no soundness in my flesh  
Rom 7:14-24   (v14, 18a, 24)  
Is 1:2-6
- Sinners are “walking dead”  
Eph 2:1-3       dead in trespasses and sin  
John 8:24       if believe not, will die in your sins
- Unrepentant sinners are unfit for fellowship  
Matt 18:15-17   repentance is required!
- Unrepentant sinners are loathsome in the sight of God  
Is 59:1-2       our sins have separated us from Him
- Ends in a long, slow, horrible, miserable death  
Rom 6:23a       wages



3. The examination/judgment of our High Priest, Jesus Christ, after the order of Mel.

Heb 2:14-17

Heb 7:22-27

- He carefully examined us...passed judgment on our condition  
Jer 17:10 (the next verse) I the LORD search heart, try the reins  
Rom 3:10, 23
- He touched us...moved with compassion, touching the untouchable and healing the loathsome  
Luke 5:12-14  
Luke 17:11-19  
Rom 7:25 (the next verse) thank God thru Jesus Christ our Lord
- He pronounces us clean...justified by faith  
Ps 118:18 has chastened, but He not given over to death  
Rom 3:24 (the next verse)  
Rom 5:1 justified by faith
- And clothed us in garments without spot or blemish  
Rev 3:5...to all who overcome sin and death by faith in Him  
Rev 4:4  
Rev 7:9, 14

How did Jesus Christ do that?

Just as Moses commanded...Ch 14 next week

If you are a sinner...have not been examined and cleansed by Jesus Christ

- you are seen as loathsome by your Creator
- you are separated from Him
- but you can choose to be cleansed

Agree, in the confines of your heart, with this prayer from a sinful man

Ps 51:1-17

[ pray ]

Consider the nature of leprosy and the social isolation of the infected...  
and feel the helplessness and the hopelessness and the despair...  
then imagine the joy of seeing Jesus Christ coming toward you!

## Leviticus Chapter 14

Two weeks ago...the uncleanness of leprosy

- disgusting, horrible, terminal, incurable flesh-eating disease...  
of the walking dead
- contagious...so extreme caution exercised by the priest in order to protect the  
health of the whole
- resulted in isolation and exclusion from the fellowship in the camp of Israel...  
a lonely, miserable death

Leprosy...a type of sin  
Leper...a type of sinner

Last time we considered the lepers who were healed by Jesus Christ

[Luke 5:12-14](#)

[Luke 17:11-19](#)

“...go, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as  
Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.”

Now in Lev 14...the purification of the healed leper

The incurable walking dead can be healed and purified...given their life back!

How?

The hopeless can have hope!

How?

[ read [v1-7](#) ]

v1-2a law of the leper...cleansing:

The Law Jesus was referring to when He told the lepers He healed to...

“...go, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.”

- to keep/fulfill the Law vs destroy it  
(doing the will of the Father)
- to testify of His identity to those unbelieving enemies  
(consider Jesus' I AM statements on Gospel of John...  
Jesus is Son of God)
- to point out the weakness/insufficiency of the Levitical  
priesthood to heal leprosy/sin, requiring a priesthood of a  
higher order (Mel) to mediate between man and God...  
Who was in their midst now!  
(1 Tim 2:5)...

How is the incurable cured and the hopeless given hope?

By the supernatural healing touch of the Creator

- Moses (Ex 4:5-8)
  - by I AM in the burning bush
  - as a sign of the identity of I AM
- Miriam (Num 12:1-15)
  - judged for her sin (pride, rebellion)
  - healed by His grace
- Naaman (2 Kings 5:1, 5-7, 10-14)
  - Gentile, a mighty man (his response – foolishness!)
  - by grace thru faith in the Word of God
  - Luke 4:27...none in Israel

So...how often had the Levitical priesthood

- healed leprosy?
- performed the cleansing ritual in Lev 14?

Never!

Who can heal leprosy? Only God the Creator

Jesus healed leprosy...Jesus is God the Creator

The Law does not clean a sinner

We cannot understand OT without NT, or NT without OT

v2b-3a brought unto...go forth out:

The leper has been cast outside the camp of Israel because he is “unclean.”  
Now, there is a report that he has been healed.

But that must be verified by an examination and judgment by the priest  
responsible for the public health of the nation.

The only place such an examination could take place, therefore, is outside  
the camp of Israel.

Notice the interpersonal dynamic involved...

A. The leper is brought...drawn to...the priest...

- i.e. by another
- but he cannot be taken into the camp of Israel to see the priest.

John 6:44      No man comes to Me but My Father draw him  
Luke 5:12      was not looking for Jesus, fell on his face

B. The priest had to

- come outside to meet him...
- “bridge the gap” between clean and unclean...
- seek and save him...cleanse him.

Ezk 34:11, 16

Luke 19:10      Son of man is come to seek and to save that which  
was lost

Who is seeking Who?

Rom 3:11 quoting Ps 14:1-3

Notice the helplessness of the leper...

he could do nothing to heal or purify himself...  
the priest was required

Luke 5:12-14      if you will...I will

Highlighting the

- Lie of “man is divine” vs truth of “man is corrupt”
- Helplessness of man vs power of God
- Insufficiency of religion/works vs gracious work of God on behalf of man  
(Biblical Christianity...personal relationship with Creator)

v3b-4 two birds...cedar wood and scarlet and hyssop:

Upon examination of the leper and verification of his healing,  
the priest would call for very special items for his purification:

1. two birds:

- alive
- clean (don't know what birds, know what NOT birds,  
Ch 11:13-19)

2. cedar wood:

- sticks...proportionally to the birds, timbers
- strength...mightiest of trees  
“cedars of Lebanon” are high and lifted up (Is 2:13)
- healing, renewing (Ezk 17:18-24)

3. scarlet thread

- dye comes from a particular worm

4. hyssop

- humility, the lowest plant (1 Kings 4:33a)
- 1<sup>st</sup> mention is Ex 12:21-22, blood of the Passover lamb
- mentioned 7 times in the Laws of Purification in books  
of Moses
- referenced by David in Ps 51:7a...  
“Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean.”

arrogance/pride leading to sin

antidote for pride/sin: humility

By the way...who provides these items?

Doesn't say directly, but in the light of NT...

who “pays” for leprosy – the sinner or the High Priest?

The items necessary for purification are gathered...and...

v5 one of the birds be killed:  
First, one of the birds must die for the leper to be purified...  
a life laid down and its blood shed for the purification of another

An earthen vessel is filled with “living water”  
and  
the shed blood is mixed with the living water...

the shadow of a staggering truth –  
the death of I AM, the Son of God, God the Son

John 1:1	Jesus is God
John 1:14	God became man
<u>Matt 3:13-17</u>	baptized in water and “living water”
<u>John 7:37-39</u>	the Holy Spirit
<u>Phil 2:5-8</u>	setting aside His glory...to die for sinners
John 1:29	came to take away the sins of the world
Gal 3:13	cursed, hung on a tree (timbers)
2 Cor 5:21	made sin, sinners made righteous
John 3:14	lifted up
<u>Ps 22:6</u>	made a worm, despised
<u>Is 52:13-15</u>	bloodied beyond recognition
<u>John 19:28-30</u>	hyssop, the lowliest of plants, is present
Dan 9:26a	innocent, for the sins of others
John 15:13	no greater love
<u>Matt 11:28-30</u>	humble, giving rest to the weary
2 Cor 8:9	became poor that we might become rich
<u>Heb 9:16-22</u>	purified by His blood
2 Cor 4:7	treasure now in these earthen vessels
John 17:21-23	Jesus in us

Truly...I scarce can take it in!

v6-7 As for the living bird...dipped...loose into the open field:  
Next, the living (same Heb. Word translated "running" in v5) bird is  
bundled...bound with the wood and hyssop by the scarlet thread...  
as if crucified!

The entire bundle is dipped in the blood of the first bird mixed with the  
living water...  
the living never dies but bears the blood of the dead

The blood of the dead bird borne by the living bird is sprinkled on  
the leper 7 times...as Naaman dipped in the Jordan 7 times

Then the priest pronounces the healed leper to be clean...fit for fellowship  
Luke 5:12 saying  
Luke 17:12-14 when He had spoken (Mark 1:42)

Then the living bird is released...flew away

A shadow of another staggering truth –  
the Resurrection of I AM, the Son of God, God the Son

<u>2 Cor 13:4</u>	crucified in weakness, lives by the power of God
<u>Acts 2:22-24</u>	death could not hold God down
<u>Rom 4:24-25</u>	He was raised for our justification
<u>Rom 5:8-10</u>	saved from wrath by His death, saved eternally by His life
John 15:3	we are clean thru the Word Jesus has spoken
1 John 1:7	His blood <u>cleanses</u> us from all sin
John 3:16	such love...why He came
<u>1 Tim 3:16</u>	then, He was "loosed in the open field"

And I can scarcely take this in, either!

The incurable is healed and purified...the hopeless have hope.

How?

By our High Priest, the Son of God, I AM (John 5:39, Heb 10:7)  
(order of Mel)

How?

By His death and resurrection  
By grace thru faith when we were afar off

1 Cor 1:18-21

Eph 1:7 forgiven sinners...purified lepers

Communion: a celebration of

1. Life...by His death
2. Victory and freedom...by His resurrection

[ elements ]

Bread

Rom 6:6-11

reckon the old man crucified with Christ

Cup

1 Cor 15:12-23

by faith, part of the firstfruits of God

1 Cor 15:51-58

death is swallowed up in victory...

go tell the world!



Sign of the times note: outbreak of leprosy in Springdale, Ark.  
Most doctors NEVER see a case of leprosy  
That little town has 9 cases...with pictures on the web

A “dead” pestilence returns!

Last time...the leper was

v3 healed

v7 pronounced clean by the priest

a picture of salvation...via death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

This time...the no-longer-a-leper

v9 shall be clean...for fellowship and co-habitation

a picture of sanctification...via washing by the water of the Word

v8a clothes...hair...himself in water...be clean:

Having been healed and pronounced clean by the priest,  
the no-longer-a-leper continues in a cleansing process

1. wash his clothes: to wash away all that remains of the disease
2. shave off all his hair: to remove any latent corruption
3. wash himself in water: a thorough bath

After this process,

whereby the man became “bare”, nothing hid or covered, and  
clothed again in clean clothes,  
he would be ceremonially clean

Having been healed and pronounced clean by our High Priest,  
we born-again believers in Jesus Christ also continue a cleansing  
process after our salvation...  
sanctified and cleansed by the washing of the water of the Word

**Titus 3:3-7**

v3 leprous

v4-7 healed, pronounced clean...by grace, not works  
and then...as long as we have breath...

**Eph 5:25-27**

v8b into the camp...out of his tent:

Once the healed leper is ceremonially cleansed,  
he can come into the camp of Israel...but  
he cannot go into his own tent, to his marriage bed.

He must “sleep outside” for a week.  
He is now abiding with his people...  
but not co-habiting with his beloved.

- Another level of extreme caution taken to protect those closest to him, particularly his wife
- And perhaps a picture of where we are today
  - cleansed and grafted into the camp of Israel
  - awaiting the completion of the sanctification process and then co-habitation

You see...leprosy/sin is deadly serious...very diligent scrutiny is required

Everything that comes into the Church...  
like Paradise08...  
like “ancient-future” faith...  
must be closely scrutinized by the Word of God.

Much of the Church no longer has an appetite for sound doctrine  
and is being transitioned into the great deception of  
counterfeit spirituality!

Deceit is accomplished through overlapping language and  
experience vs doctrine/the Word

Things can feel good and be bad.

Is 30:1, 9-13

That was the lesson of the “Shining as Lights in Perverse Times”  
Conference at CCTC

v9 on the seventh day...he shall be clean:  
At the end of that week outside his tent...  
close to his beloved but not dwelling with them...  
the clean man repeats the cleansing of the prior week:

1. wash his clothes: one week's dust and dirt
2. shave off all his hair: the re-growth
3. wash himself with water: the accumulated dust and dirt

We forgiven sinners...in the camp but not in the tent...get repeatedly washed also

John 13:10 He that is washed needs not, save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every where: and ye are clean,

1 John 1:9

until our sanctification is complete

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Titus 2:11-14

v10 on the eighth day...lambs:  
Time for a celebration! Time to worship the LORD!

Worship involves acceptable sacrifice

- two rams
- one ewe lamb
- a portion of fine flour for each lamb...  
to accompany the trespass, sin, and burnt offerings
- a pint of oil...the oil of gladness (Ps 45:7)

v11 the priest...shall present the man:  
The healed, clean, cleansed man is presented to the LORD by the priest at the appointed meeting place...with the continual burnt offering in the background (Ex 29:42)

Jesus Christ is our High Priest, Who saved us by His death & resurrection  
Someday, when our sanctification is complete, Jesus will present us to

The LORD...Himself and His Father (John 10:30)

Eph 5:27, 32 (Who is the LORD? Jesus!)

Jude 24-25 with Heb 1:3

2 Tim 1:12-14

Imagine: being individually presented to God the Father by His Son, our Bridegroom...the Father Who gave us to His Son (John 17:2)!

v12-18 trespass offering:

The priest takes one of the rams and slaughters it on the north of the altar.  
He takes some of the blood of the trespass offering and, as was for the  
priests during their consecration, puts blood on

1. tip of right ear: hear the Word
2. thumb of right hand: do the Word (James 1:22)  
deception comes by NOT doing the Word but instead  
something beyond, some experience
3. big toe of right foot: walk in the Word (Eph 4-5)
  - walk worthy (4:1-16)
  - walk not as the Gentiles/unbelievers (4:17-32)
  - walk in love (5:1-14)
  - walk circumspectly/wisely (5:15-17)

Then the oil is put in the same places, upon the blood...  
and then emptied on the head...the covering of God's Spirit  
(Is 30:1)

Hearing, doing, walking...possible only by the power of the  
Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17, 23, 26

John 15:5b, 26-27

...the oil of gladness

John 15:11

John 16:20

Note: OT rituals only be understood in the revelation of the NT...  
when the shadows give way to the Substance

v19-20 offer the sin offering...offer the burnt offering:

Then the priest offers the sin offering...his portion...  
and the burnt offering...the LORD's portion.

Communion, fellowship in purity

v21-32 if he be poor:

Well, so much for the Prosperity Gospel that has infected the Church!  
The Prosperity Gospel is leprosy. As is Word of Faith, etc.  
Poverty is not a sin...it is not due to a lack of faith  
Sin knows no demographics...God's plan is for all demographics

If a healed leper is poor, the acceptable sacrifice is down-sized

- one lamb...there must be at least one lamb
- one portion of fine flour for that lamb
- a pint of oil
- two turtledoves or two pigeons...the best he could afford

The worship service would be as before in v12-20

Next, a home corrupted by leprosy/sin

2 applications

1. our sanctification...living stones built into a spiritual house,  
the LORD's house  
1 Peter 2:5
2. cycles of sin in people's lives and across generations

v33-34a the land of Canaan, which I gave you:

Stop.

The land of Israel was given to the descendents of AI&J by the  
LORD God Almighty as their inheritance.

Where does the US Gov't get off bullying God's people into giving some  
of their God-given inheritance to their enemies under the  
false pretense of peace without the Prince of Peace?

We are pressuring Israel to despise their inheritance like Esau did?

It's nuts!

It is a leprosy, a deception in the Church: Replacement Theology

v34b I put the plague of leprosy in a house:

As in the case of garments, leprosy in a house is mold or mildew...  
which destroys everything and makes a house uninhabitable

#### Applications

1. The holy God, Creator of a perfect universe corrupted by sin and death, points out the “mold and mildew” of our lives...the living stones in His house
2. Mold and mildew spread. Some homes are moldy...
  - drunkenness (not a disease, sin taught/learned)
  - drug abuse
  - wife abuse (sons to their wives, daughters by husband after husband after husband)
  - child abuse (they were, they do)
  - sins of the fathers that carry on to the children... who learn by observation

Cycles of sin from generation to generation  
(NOT generational sin)

v35-36 he that owneth the house...It seemeth to me:

At some point in time, the owner of the house suspects there is a plague in the house and goes to the priest.

He suspects...but only the priest can determine/declare

The priest commands him to empty the house...of people and things...  
before he gets there.

Nothing is unclean until the priest declares it to be unclean  
So to salvage as much as possible from a devastating situation,  
the house is gutted before the priest arrives

Hmmm...will this apply to the history of Israel or the Church?

#### Applications

1. Us: the “owner” of the house, feeling the conviction of the Holy Spirit, agrees with the LORD, confesses his sin and repents
2. Cycles: Someone in the chain, tired and broken, stands up and calls for help

And it’s time to “clean house”

v37-38 streaks...lower than the wall...shut up the house:

If the priest comes and sees streaks in the walls similar to the streaks seen in a garment and the streaks are in vs just on the wall, the priest will seal off the house and quarantine it for a week

v39-42 take away the stones...take other stones:

If, upon re-examination after the one-week quarantine, the priest determines that the house is infected with mold/mildew, the priest essentially calls Service Master to

- remove the infected building material from the house
- dump the Haz Mat outside the city, away from people
- thoroughly scrape the inside of the house
- remove all the dust, tiny particles of Haz Mat that can be inhaled and infect
- rebuild and restore

Applications:

For both the individual believer and for the home caught in a cycle of sin, Jesus is Service Master

- The LORD graciously buys ugly/moldy/sinful houses, moves in, and begins to remodel them.
- He removes sinful thought patterns, lifestyles, carnal weaknesses...our old ways, the sins of our fathers

Ps 103:8-14 as far as the east is from the west

- He scrapes away sin with a very sharp, hard sword... the Word

Heb 4:12 thoughts and intents of the heart

Rom 12:1-2 transformed by the renewing of mind

- He rebuilds with fresh, unblemished material according to His design...filling in all the holes with Himself

Rom 8:28-30 conformed into image of His Son

Phil 1:6

v43-45 if the plague come again...break down the house:  
If the leprosy in the house persists and spreads, it becomes necessary to  
demolish the house for the good of all. (no mention of rebuilding)  
The leprosy will not be allowed to persist and spread.

Applications:

- For both individuals and families/homes:

1 Cor 5:1-8

The LORD can and will break the cycles of sin

- For the Church, spiritual house of the LORD  
Matt 18:15-17 family of God  
Rev 2:4-5 The LORD tore down this church...

v46-47 goeth into...lieth in...eateth in:  
A dirty house is a dirty house...whoever lives in or enters into a  
dirty house is going to get dirty

1 Cor 15:33	evil corrupts good
John 13:10	need to wash your feet!
Eph 5:25	washing by the water of the Word

v48-53 the plague hath not spread:  
As opposed to v39-47, if after the one week quarantine, the  
re-examination by the priest reveals the house to be mold-free,

- it is pronounced clean/habitable
- the priest performs the ceremony in v1-7...

The end of the cleansing process...sanctification...is established by  
the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ



v54-57 This is the law...To teach:

A very important teaching...doctrine...by the Word of God

- man is corrupt and helpless to cleanse himself
- Jesus Christ, the Word of God, became flesh to take away our sin...because leprosy/sin is intolerable
- sinful man is cleansed by grace thru faith in Jesus Christ
- Jesus then begins the work of “cleaning house”... sanctification...accomplished by the power of the Word of God and the Spirit of God
- our role is to submit to Him...completely, unconditionally... and obey His Word  
(always uncleanness/leprosy when wander from the Word)
- anything or anyone that leads you away from the Word of God is a deceiver and is leading you to destruction

What the LORD is saying to each of us in Lev 14:

- Are you personally washed in the water of the Word of God every day?
- Are you submitting to the Word of God and walking worthy, in love, circumspectly with Jesus Christ?  
Are you a living epistle? (2 Cor 3:3)
- Do you test everything you see and hear against the Word of God, the teaching of the One True and Living God?

Can you see the deception that is overtaking Christianity?  
Will you be a part of the great falling away spoken of in the Word?  
When the heat comes, will you whither away?

- Do you take to heart the messages the LORD gives us...  
or do you live like they are only worth the time it takes to hear them?
- Can you look back on your life 12mos/6 mos/3 mos and see a “John 3:30” difference in your life?

Can you see less of yourself and more of Jesus?  
Are you more concerned with your shape, weight than your heart?  
Can you...and others...see fruit in your life?

- Are impeding/resisting the LORD’s work of sanctification in your life?  
Will Jesus remove and replace stones...or demolish the entire house?

His plea: You are healed, pronounced clean, being cleansed/sanctified...rejoice!  
The forgiveness of sin, the cleansing of your soul, flows over you!  
Live like you are saved and let Me change you!

## Leviticus Chapter 15

The Cleanliness Laws, which started in Ch 11, conclude here in Ch 15 with the laws regarding bodily discharges

- men (v1-18)
- women (v19-33)

The declaration/statement “be unclean” appears 23 times in this chapter

v1-3 When any man has a running issue:

If a man has a medical condition whereby his body

- either allows the flow of something that should not normally be flowing
- or has an obstruction preventing the flow of something that normally flows

...the something is not specified...the where is not specified...

he is unclean...ceremonially unclean, unable to enter the house of the LORD to worship

It does not even say that sin is the cause...

just that “the equipment” (human body) is not functioning properly, as designed...

a result of the curse upon a fallen creation

Not only is the man unclean, everything he touches becomes unclean

v4-12 shall be unclean...be unclean until the even:

1. every bed he sleeps on (v4a)
2. every chair/stool/couch/stone/tree stump he sits on (v4b)
3. whoever touches his bed...his wife, for example...  
all day until sunset (v5)
4. whoever sat on whatever he sat on...all day until sunset (v6)
5. anyone who touches him...  
in greeting...shakes his hand, hugs him, etc...  
brushes up against him in the field, the busy street or market...  
is helped by him (kids for example)...  
has any innocent social contact, intentional or not...  
all day until sunset (v7)

6. anyone “sprayed” by him in conversation or coughed or sneezed upon...accidentally or purposefully...all day until sunset (v8)
7. the saddle on his “ride” (v9)
8. anyone who touches anything that he sat on...a blanket, an article of clothing (his wife picking up after him for example)... all day until sunset (v10a)
9. anyone who carries anything that he sat on...his wife carrying dirty clothes to the “laundromat” for example... all day until sunset (v10b)
10. whoever has any physical contact with him...and did not immediately wash their hands...all day until sunset (v11)
11. a clay pot...must be destroyed (v12a)  
”Stay out of the kitchen, you filthy beast!”
12. a wooden spoon/bowl...must be washed thoroughly (v12b)

Every clean person defiled by this unclean man must

- wash their clothes
- take a bath
- be themselves unclean until sunset

It would be nearly impossible to be clean/holy, much less productive, around a man with a running issue out of his flesh

v13-15 is cleansed of his issue:

When the man is healed and the issue stops or the obstruction cleared, he would

- start a 7 day clock
- wash his clothes
- take a bath in running water...not a bathtub
- on the 8<sup>th</sup> day, take a simple, “poor man’s” offering to the priest  
(an offering is always required for any uncleanness)

The priest will make atonement...covering...for him before the LORD

- sin offering...the priest’s portion
- burnt offering...the LORD’s portion

v16-18 seed of copulation go out:

After lawful marital relations, both healthy man and healthy wife are unclean...all day until sunset

Hence the "Puritan" notion that sex is dirty  
Is that true?

Part of God's perfect and beautiful design for man and woman, his beloved creatures, is the physical union in the marriage relationship whereby the two become one flesh... and thus are fruitful and multiply.

ANY other form of sexual relations IS filthy and displeasing in the eyes of the LORD  
(Sexual sins are addressed around the corner in Ch 18 and Ch 20)

But relations between husband and wife are NOT filthy and displeasing in His eyes. Quite the opposite.  
Heb 13:4

Yet...the Law says both are unclean after God-ordained intimacy?

Whereas such relations are NOT to be used to manipulate or to punish (1 Cor 7:2-5) to avoid a lack of self-restraint and sin, there is a ceremonial uncleanness in them (Ex 19:15, Ps 51:5)

Why?

The fall of man corrupted EVERYTHING...  
even the most beautiful of human relations...  
not just the relationship between man and God  
Oh how far and wide man fell because of sin...pride!

God's plan, God's gifts, God's design...are not dirty  
Fallen man is dirty.

So much for man, that filthy beast.  
Now let's turn our attention to the woman.  
First, the healthy woman.

v19 if a woman have an issue...blood:

During her monthly menstrual period, she is ceremonially unclean...  
unable for 7 days to enter the house of the LORD and worship Him  
And whoever touches her...her husband, her children...  
will also be unclean...all day until sunset.  
All others...family and friends...will steer clear of her those 7 days so  
they too do not become unclean

For 25% of every month, every healthy woman would bear the effects of  
the fall of man...separation

v20-24 shall be unclean...be unclean until the even:

Not only is she unclean, whatever/whoever she touches becomes unclean

1. everything she lies down on (v20a)
2. everything she sits on (v20b)
3. whoever touches her bed...her husband, perhaps her children...  
all day until sunset (v21)
4. whoever touches anything she sits on...  
all day until sunset (v22)
5. whoever touches anything on her bed or on anything she sits  
on...a blanket, towel, article of clothing, book/magazine,  
the TV remote...all day until sunset (v23)
6. any man...her husband (ish, isha)...who has marital relations  
with her during her menstrual period...  
for 7 days (v24a)
7. anything he then lies or sits on (v24b)

Let's look closer at v24a

- the English language "her flowers be upon him":  
400 years ago, the translators softened the graphic Hebrew  
for their benefactor, King James
- this man had to be her husband...  
the Heb words used are those of marriage relationship...  
or she and he would be stoned for adultery (Ch 20:10)
- this intimacy had to be accidental or unintentional,  
for the same reason (Ch 20:18)

v25-27 blood many days out of the time of ser separation:  
Now, the instance of an unhealthy woman...  
whose issue of blood is extraordinary, lasting longer than her  
normal menstrual period.

She is unclean...unable to enter the house of the LORD to worship Him...  
for as long as the issue of blood lasts.

Her bed is unclean...her chairs are unclean...  
for as long as her issue of blood lasts

Whoever touches her during that time is unclean...  
every day, all day until sunset.

Imagine the physical, emotional, and spiritual agony caused by an  
unhealthy, extraordinary issue of blood...

12 years for example

[Matt 9:18-22](#)

[Num 15:37-40](#)

[Mal 4:2](#)

v28-30 if she be cleansed of her issue:

When the woman's unhealthy, extraordinary issue of blood stops...  
when she is healed...she

- starts a 7 day clock
- on the 8<sup>th</sup> day bring a simple, "poor man's" offering to  
the priest

The priest makes atonement...covering...for her before the LORD

- sin offering...the priest's portion
- burnt offering...the LORD's portion

v31-33 that they die not in their uncleanness:

So, the Laws of Cleanliness are complete...  
as complete as the uncleanness of fallen man

Reading/studying the Laws of Cleanliness with “legal eyes”...this chapter in particular...  
left me feeling dirty, filthy.  
And hopelessly unable to get or stay clean.

The LORD intended it that way, I believe

These Laws speak vividly to the seriousness of sin...and the depth and the  
breadth of the fall of man from fellowship with his holy Creator

Corrupt, unclean man absolutely, positively cannot enter into the presence of God  
in his natural condition.

He...we...must be re-conditioned.

Is 64:6 what self-righteousness is to the holy God

Rom 3:10, 23

Rom 7:18

1 Cor 1:29 no flesh will glory in His presence

The Law was not given to make us unclean, but to

- show us our uncleanness...and to condemn us for it
- lead us to the One who could make us clean...

the Seed of the Woman promised by God at the fall of man

Gal 3:19-26

Gal 2:16-21

Rom 10:4

To the Jew first, and then the Gentile

Yet because of their unbelief (John 5:46-47), the purpose of the Law and the  
understanding of an acceptable sacrifice was missed by the Jews...  
as reflected in the pride of their religious leadership, the Pharisees

Matt 9:10-13

Matt 12:1-8

Hosea 6:6

Their pride and self-righteousness...

blinding them into thinking they were clean and pleasing to the LORD by their  
works of “keeping” the Law...keeping themselves clean...

not understanding Rom 7:14, which makes impure thoughts and lustful hearts as  
unclean as a man with a running issue out of his flesh or a woman with an  
issue of blood...

was a great offense to Jesus Christ (Matt 23)

The holy and pure LORD hates pride, the genesis of all sin (Is 14, Ezk 28, Prov 6)  
The LORD of hosts conducts a relentless assault on pride...  
something is going to get broken! (Matt 21:44)

Why do people stubbornly hold onto the parts of them that do not reflect Jesus?  
(If married, to the detriment of their marriage)  
Why do people not mature as Christians...even though fed the Word of God?  
Pride!

Warning: Something is going to get broken!

Jesus said "clean" is a matter of the heart...a broken and contrite heart...a humble heart

Matt 15:18 those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the  
heart, and they defile the man

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God  
(btw...I thought no man could see God, so...1 John 3:2)

Connected to the heart is the mind...which also must be clean and functioning as  
originally designed if we are to be clean and able to enter into the  
house of the LORD and worship Him in His presence

We must come face-to-face with our sin/pride...our natural condition

- not in our right mind (Mark 5:15)
- having a
  - worthless mind (Eph 4:17)
  - reprobate mind (Rom 1:28)
  - carnal mind (Rom 8:7)
  - defiled mind (Titus 1:15)
  - unstable, double mind (James 1:8)
- alienated and enemies in our mind (Col 1:21)
- fulfilling the desires of the flesh and the mind (Eph 2:3)



We must humbly fall broken before Jesus Christ, our Sin Sacrifice on the cross...

Who supernaturally cleansed and is re-conditioning the malfunctioning creature back to original specifications

- giving us a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7)
- transforming us by the renewing of our mind...by His Word
  - the words of the LORD are pure words (Ps 12:6)
  - every word of God is pure (Prov 30:5)
  - the Word of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes (Ps 19:8)
- so that we would
  - not live any longer in the worthlessness of mind as do unbelievers (Eph 4:17)
  - be like-minded with Him (Phil 2:2-8)
  - be sober-minded (1 Peter 1:13)
  - serve Him with all humility of mind (Acts 20:19)
  - with all readiness of mind (Acts 17:11)

Q: What is wrong with the Church today?

Social Gospel vs true Gospel

- no holiness...apart from world and unto the LORD
- no repentance of sin
- no change in heart and mind

[ AFN article ]

By the Word of God we come face-to-face with

- our depravity
- our condemnation
- our Savior
- our choice...believe or not, humble ourselves or not

Then, with a pure and humble heart and mind, we must “Go” and “do” the work of the LORD...in an ungodly community/nation/world

James 1:22 each of us, individually...as well as corporately

To do it, we must know it

What does it mean to “know it”?

Does having a lot of Scripture memorized mean a person knows Scripture? Not necessarily.

It might just mean the person has memorized a bunch of Scripture...in his head.

Having memorized a bunch of Scripture impresses most people... and the proud memorizer feeds off that.

No, having a bunch of Scripture memorized could be a form of carnal pride

Having Scripture written on your heart...from head to heart... is knowing it

We do what is in our heart, not what is in our head

A doer of the Word can be seen doing it...humbling himself

A hearer of the Word will only be heard reciting it...a hypocrite

How does a doer of the Word...a believer...do it and be a witness of Jesus?

By the power of the Holy Spirit...when the Holy Spirit comes upon him, empowering him to do it

Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4

The infilling of the Spirit...being Spirit-filled, Spirit-led

Acts 4:8, 31; Acts 9:17; Acts 13:9, 52 Peter, Paul, believers

The baptism of the Holy Spirit...with whom we have a relationship

Acts 18:24-28, Acts 19:1-7 baptism of John vs of Jesus Christ

(Matt 3:11 water vs Holy Spirit and fire)

The Law reveals our uncleanness/sin/pride and condemns us (Gal 3:11)

The Grace of God makes us pure...just-as-if-it-never-happened...

so we do not die in our uncleanness

John 1:17, John 8:24

The Spirit of God empowers us to “Go” and “Do” as He commands.

(we cannot do the Word any more than the Jews could keep the Law...

it is as prideful for us to think we can as it was for the Jews to think they could)

He has made provision for us to be fruitful and multiply...which He accomplishes

Rom 7:1-4

Will you make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts of the flesh? (Rom 13:14)

Will you reckon your flesh and all its lusts crucified with Jesus Christ? (Gal 5:24)

Will you believe...call upon the name of Jesus Christ and His work...and be saved?

Will you receive His power to do His will?

The relationship with God was broken by unbelief/sin

The relationship with God is restored by faith/belief

If you want the life of God and/or the power of God...

- humble yourself before God
- come forward

## Leviticus Chapter 16

Day of Atonement...the most important day in the Jewish year...  
the day of the all-covering sacrifices

Looking back in the books of Moses, we can see a progression of sacrifices

- Gen 4           sacrifice for an individual...before Law (Abel)
- Ex 12           sacrifice for each family...deliverance (Passover)
- Lev 4           sacrifice for an individual...after Law
- Lev 16          sacrifice for the entire nation (Day of Atonement)

All of whom point forward to The Sacrifice

- John 1:29      sacrifice for the whole world (Jesus Christ)

The Day of Atonement was established because the sacrifices for specific sins throughout the year were insufficient to bring a complete reconciliation with a holy God...

- many sins were not “confessed” and covered with a blood sacrifice
- sin “never stopped”

Thus, the Laws of Sacrifices and Purification are “finished” with the sacrifices on the Day of Atonement

Lev 16

- v1-10           preparation of the High Priest and the necessary sacrifices
- v11-28         various atonements
- v29-34         LORD’s decree regarding the Day of Atonement

First, the preparation of the High Priest and the necessary sacrifices

v1 after the death of the two sons of Aaron:

Ch 10:1-2

Nadab (“liberal”) and Abihu (“worshipper of God”) offered strange fire

- took liberty with their worship of God...
- conducted worship their way vs God’s prescribed way
- a man-centered and self-centered way of worship

Reminder: Strange fire is still around...all over Christianity

- haughty presumption of a priestly class ruling over the common people...making themselves mediators... doctrine of the Nicolaitans (Roman Church)
- religion...salvation by good works...salvation my way (Eph 2:8-9)
- mocking or being careless with the high, holy, heavenly calling in Christ Jesus (Prosperity Gospel)
- merchandising the Gospel and men...fleecing the flock (show-me-the-money televangelists)
- an ancient/future faith...”spirituality”...mysticism (EC = RCC + NA + EM)
- ecumenicalism...unity of religions...at the expense of truth... (spiritual tower of Babel)
- church sanction of abomination (sodomy) (leadership, marriage)

Strange fire results in apostasy...

- not keeping the Word
- denying His name
- un-holiness

After the judgment of Aaron’s two sons in Ch 10...

Laws of Cleanliness/Purification (Ch 11-15)

- v2 he come not at all times:  
 The High Priest...and only the High Priest...could enter the Holy of Holies, beyond the veil to the Ark, mercy seat, and into the very presence of God
- But he could not come any time he wanted to.  
 He could enter by appointment-only  
 Acceptable worship of the holy God is according to His will and His ways...we worship him in Spirit and in Truth
- On the other hand, there is no such restriction placed on Moses...  
 he could come to the “Throne of God” at any time (Ex 25:21-22)
- Note: Remember all the shadows of Jesus Christ:
- Moses: Deliverer
  - Aaron: High Priest
  - Ark: wood + gold, containing Law + manna/daily bread
  - Mercy seat: solid gold, covering Law, where blood was poured
- v3 come into the holy place with:  
 Aaron could not enter any time he wanted...  
 nor could he come empty-handed when he did enter...  
 sacrifices were required
- a bull for a sin offering
  - a ram for a burnt offering
- v4 holy garments:  
 On this day Aaron was required to come
- clean – bathed
  - appropriately attired – in the pure white linen garments, not the “full regalia”, to be worn
    - only by the High Priest (identity)
    - only to minister in the Holy of Holies (purpose)
- He had to be clean and properly attired before he could intercede for others
- v5 take of the congregation:  
 Aaron was also to come this day with sacrifices for the nation
- two goats for a sin offering
  - a ram for a burnt offering

v6 sin offering...for himself:  
More on this when we get to the Atonement for the High Priest in v11

v7-10 two goats...cast lots:  
More on this when we get to the Atonement for the entire nation...  
but notice

- 2 goats = 1 sin offering
- lots are cast...
  - one for the LORD, one to be sent away
  - one is not greater than the other
  - both are of equal worth
  - “twins”
  - not a roll of the dice...not determined by “chance”

The High Priest prepared and the necessary sacrifices identified, it's time to  
make atonement

- High Priest
- Tabernacle
- entire nation

v11 sin offering, which is for himself...kill the bullock:  
Before anything else, Aaron the High Priest had to make atonement...for

- himself!
- his family
- all the priests

The Levitical priesthood is flawed/defiled...  
composed of sinners, fallen men  
Aaron and his sons are shadows of a greater...sinless...priesthood  
(order of Mel...Heb 7:11-28)

v12-13 censer...burning coals...incense...cloud:

The sin offering slain, the High Priest...foreshadowing our High Priest...  
“fills the Holy of Holies with prayer”

- pan of hot embers of holy fire...  
NOT strange fire, but as God-ordained (who, when)
- hands full of sweet incense beaten small
  - incense: prayers of the saints (Ps 141:2, Rev 8:3)
  - beaten small...broken, crushed...  
coming from broken and contrite hearts...  
acceptable to God (Ps 51:16-17)
  - both hands and full! (Rom 8:34)
- takes into the Holy of Holies...the Throne of God...  
where he alone can enter and minister
- incense on the fire...resulting in a “sweet cloud”...prayer
  - filling the Holy of Holies
  - ”concealing” the mercy seat covering the Law,  
the place of atonement

With v1 (Ch 10) in mind...ANY other way is sin...strange fire.  
And we die!

John 14:6

- His mediation...without His mediation, we die.
- His intercession...without His intercession, we die.

Is 53:12

Eph 4:32

Matt 5:17-18

the Law is kept by Jesus Christ alone...  
the Law is all about Jesus Christ

v14 blood...upon the mercy seat:

Then, in that cloud of prayer, the High Priest applied the blood of  
his sin offering on and in front of the mercy seat

Remember: God’s perspective from between the cherubim...

Now...the Atonement of the LORD’s house, the Tabernacle/Temple



v15-16 kill the goat of the sin offering...for the people...do...as he did:  
To atone for the Tabernacle, the High Priest slaughtered the LORD's lot  
of the people's sin offering...  
and applied its blood as he had the blood of the bull (v14)

Why does the holy house of the LORD need to be atoned for?  
It is defiled just by residing in the midst of a sinful people...  
the filthiness and impurity of the people defiled the Tabernacle

- their rebellion
- their offenses
- small or great
- of ignorant or willful

v17 no man in the tabernacle...until he come out:  
1. All during this work of atonement, no man can be in the house of the  
LORD, except the High Priest

He has no partner in the work of atonement...He alone can do it  
Heb 9:6-14

Rom 3:10, 23 none are righteous...fall short  
Is 64:6 our righteousness  
1 Cor 1:30 Jesus is the righteousness of God  
2 Peter 1:1 “ “ “ “ “

Matt 26:56...fulfilling Zech 13:7  
Matt 27:46...fulfilling Ps 22:1

He shares His honor and glory with no one  
Rev 4:10-11 “worthy to receive”  
Rev 5:11-14 “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain”

2. No man can be in the tabernacle when the High Priest goes into make  
atonement...until he comes out!

Foreshadowing His resurrection!

Now...John 3:16  
1 Cor 15:20-23

v18-19 go out unto the altar...blood...put...sprinkle:

The High Priest then left the Holy of Holies, re-entering the Holy Place, to apply the blood of the sin sacrifices on the horns of the altar and sprinkling the blood on it....to

- make atonement for it
- cleanse it
- sanctify it from the pervasive uncleanness of the people

Is 52:13-15

Finally, atonement for the entire nation

v20-22 the live goat:

The other goat of the people's sin offering, the scapegoat, is still alive... but every bit a sin offering as the one slain

The High Priest

- lays both his hands...leans hard...on the head
- confesses over "Him" ALL the evil, rebellions, and offenses of the people...
- transferring the sins onto Him for Him to bear
- sent away...cut off from the people
- by the hand of a fit/"timely"/appointed man (who?)
- into a land not inhabited...a land "cut off", a wasteland
- and he was not to find his way back...but to "perish from sight"

The two goats of the sin offering of the people

1. The LORD's lot:

- slain
- blood applied to the mercy seat to make atonement (forgiveness of sin)
- blood shed to "cover" the sins of the people

2. the other lot:

- presented alive
- bearing the sin of all the people
- sent away...removing the sins of the people

By the two goats, the people's sins are covered AND removed (unlike any other sin offering...Gen 4, Ex 12, Lev 4)

As we have studied in previous chapters, the slain sin offering is a huge shadow of Jesus Christ

The scapegoat is another huge shadow of Jesus Christ (ala Ch 14:6-7)

- not a roll of the dice (v7-10)...not determined by “chance”  
Acts 2:22-24
- bearing the sins of all the people...  
Is 53:12      bare the sins of many  
2 Cor 5:21
- cut off  
Dan 9:26a      but not for himself...a scapegoat
- removing their sins  
John 1:29      take away
- “perish from sight”  
Heb 9:28  
Acts 1:9-11

v23-24 put off the linen garments...put on his garments:

Having completed his service unto the LORD, the High Priest

- took off his linen garments...for they are only to be worn for this service
- unseen by others for there were no others around (v17), washed his sin-defiled body
- put on his garments...his “normal” attire
- came forth...out of the house of the LORD again
- completed the work of atonement he had started

Another huge shadow of Jesus Christ...His death and resurrection!

- Having completed His service unto the LORD, He took off his “linen garments”, the pure yet “un-glorified” garments...  
John 19:30 (finished...gave up ghost)
- Unseen by man, He washed/refreshed/cleansed His body...  
from all the sins of the world He bore
- He put on his garments...His glorified garments...  
His “normal/natural” attire
- Unfinished: Coming again out of the house of the LORD to finish the burnt offerings  
Phil 1:6...the work of sanctification  
Rev 19:11-16...perhaps ON the Day of Atonement  
(3 fall feasts appointments for 2<sup>nd</sup> coming)

v25-28 he that let go...he that burned:

At the end of the Day of the all-covering sacrifice, all living are clean

v29-31 seventh month on the tenth day:

Established is the most important day in the Jewish year...

the Day of Atonement

- 7<sup>th</sup> month, 10<sup>th</sup> day (Passover in 1<sup>st</sup> month)
- a day of affliction
  - fasting (Ps 35:13, 1 Sam 7:6)
  - somber humility
- a (high) Sabbath
  - whatever day of the week (not usually on a Saturday)
  - no work
  - the land at a “stand still”
- when The Priest makes atonement to cleanse us from sin  
1 John 1:7 from ALL sin

v32-34 the priest...shall make an atonement:

The Levitical priesthood is insufficient for the work of atonement...  
a greater priesthood is needed

The Laws of Sacrifices and Purification are “finished” with the sacrifices  
on the Day of Atonement...in Jesus Christ

John 19:30, Matt 27:51

This is ALL about Jesus...His identity, His work

Gen 22:8 God will present Himself a Lamb

Is 7:14 Lord Himself shall give you a sign

Matt 1:21 only the sinless could

And He did...holding nothing back for you and me!

And we are to hold nothing back from Him!

Beware the false christs!

Beware the lie that “you are christ” of “New Age”/Spirituality pervading our society and  
the Church

Serve the Living God...you are forgiven for His sake!

Be a fool for Christ’s sake (1 Cor 4:10)

Preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified to a lost and dying world...

that more desperately than they know needs a Sin Sacrifice –  
the goat slain and the scapegoat

## Leviticus Chapter 17

Last time...the Day of Atonement

This time...the prohibition of the worship of devils and...the sanctity of Blood/life

v1-7 They shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils:

Speaking thru Moses His prophet to the priests and all the people,  
the LORD declares in no uncertain terms that He will not tolerate  
devil worship

1. any man in the house of Israel that makes a sacrifice and  
does not bring it to the LORD's house...he will be
  - o guilty of shedding blood
  - o executed
  
2. ALL sacrifices are to be
  - o brought to the LORD's house
  - o to the priest for offering unto the LORD...

The LORD demands that He alone is to be worshipped...  
He wrote that in stone!

And He expects to be worshipped according to the

- place (His house, now erected)
- manner (priest, blood on altar, His/priest's portions)

He ordained in the Word of God

We come to God on His terms, not on ours!

3. devil worship must stop immediately...  
any man that disobeys will be executed

They have worshipped devils already!

The golden calf.

idolatry = spiritual adultery

Behind every idol is a devil

1 Cor 10:14-22

The jealous God Whose name is Jealous and Who is a  
consuming fire is VERY serious about the worship of  
false gods...

has a Zero Tolerance policy, in fact

He will not share His glory with any creature!

He will not tolerate

- counterfeits or hypocrites
- rebellion or compromise

v8-9 bring it not unto the door of the tabernacle...cut off:

Bottom line:

- An offering brought to the house of the LORD will mean communion with the One True and Living God... leading to life and holiness (separation unto)
- An offering taken anywhere else means communion with the false anti-god...the devil... leading to death (separation from)

Should be clear enough...

Now about the sanctity of life

v10 eat any manner of blood:

The jealous God is also VERY serious about the eating/drinking of blood:

- I will set my face against:  
What man could stand against the Creator of the universe?

Ps 34:16      The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

- I will cut him off: death sentence

Why?

v11 life is in the blood: [ repeat ]

Because

1. the life of 2D creatures...including fallen man without Jesus...  
is in the blood

Who is bloodthirsty...passionate about destroying all men?  
Satan

Drinking blood is a demonic practice

I have given to you:

Because

2. It is the blood...life...that is offered for the atonement of sin...  
it is holy (Ch 16)
3. God gave His blood...His life...on the altar/Cross to atone for  
our sins  
(Ch 16 is all about Jesus)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of Grace  
Eph 2:8-9 grace thru faith, not by works  
Gal 1:6-9 any other...cursed

And in the Gospel of Jesus Christ we see again a basic truth:

The plan of God involves suffering

- Adam and Eve...sweat, labor pains
- Abraham...and Sarah (who followed husband)
- Joseph
- David
- all the prophets (from Abel to John the Baptist)
- Jesus
- apostles
- Christian martyrs (always, unto this day)

Everyone suffers...because we live in a fallen creation

Difference between believers and unbelievers:

Believers suffer because of the name of Jesus Christ

Believers have inward comfort and peace and walk by faith  
(TRUST) in the Infinite, all-seeing, all-knowing,  
all-powerful God Who makes suffering an integral  
part of His plan



Why is that?

- Suffering takes us to the end of ourselves...  
which is the beginning of God
- To establish our faith/trust in the Almighty God of AI&J...  
Ps 46:1-3  
otherwise our faith would become insignificant, growing  
weak and cold...and then disappearing
- Thru suffering God reveals
  - His compassion and goodness
  - His sovereignty...He is in control, we are not!
  - His longsuffering with us and the world He loves so!
  - our complete and exclusive dependence upon Him...  
suffering keeps us humble before Him and  
clinging to Him
- He will allow His children to suffer for a brief season so
  - another soul will not suffer for all eternity
  - the lost can be found
  - the blind can see
  - the deaf can hear
  - the lame can walk
  - the diseased can be healed

...for His glory!

What an honor to be so used!

1 Peter 2:20-21      but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*, ye take it  
patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.  
For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ  
also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye  
should follow his steps:

(and without murmuring/complaining!)

v12      No soul:

Again, the jealous God has a Zero Tolerance policy regarding the  
eating/drinking of blood

v13-14 hunts and catches any beast:

The LORD is emphatic about the sanctity of life  
The Creator of life places a very high value on life...  
especially on human life

Deut 30:20 He is your life and the length of your days

Note: The life of a creature is in its blood...  
Science...the knowledge of man...eventually catches up to the  
Word of God

This was written about 4,000 years ago...  
Science (William Harvey) “discovered” this about  
400 years ago, in 1628

v15-16 dies of itself...torn with beasts:

Animals that die naturally (old age, disease) or as the victims of predators  
...blood is not drained but decays in the body...are unfit for food.

The eater of such meat makes himself unclean...and must get cleansed...  
or bear the guilt

In Ch 17...

1. devil worship
2. the sanctity of life (blood)
3. the plan of God involves suffering

And hence...why this study was deferred for 5 weeks...  
because of what the LORD revealed to me 10 days ago

Pastor Ramy blessed our house the week before last...during which time he spoke to the  
Men’s Study (guarding our desires) and the Women’s Studies

Before he arrived, the LORD put it on my heart to ask him to speak to our ladies about  
life as a woman in Islam

“That is not what I thought I would speak about.  
I have never been asked to speak on that.  
It is not polite...it is offensive.  
Are you sure?”

What did the LORD give us thru Ramy?

Satan is anti-god...in everything and in every way

- wants to destroy what God has created...esp. what He created in His image
- wants to kill what God has given life
- wants to defile and make obscene what God has declared holy
- wants the worship due only to God the Creator

Ground Zero:

- man and woman...created in God's image
- the ordained institution of marriage

2 categories of teachings in the Koran, in keeping with the nature of its author, Satan, who appears as an angel of light...to steal, kill, and destroy:

#### 1. Mecca period

when Mohammed was just getting started in reducing the multiplicity of false gods worshipped by the Arabs to one...his...

Allah, the moon-god

had few supporters, surrounded by a multitude of opponents...  
when he was weak

his teachings were

- superficial
- propaganda for his opponents...misrepresentation of the truth
  - "peaceful"
  - "good"

#### 2. Medina period

After he had migrated from Mecca to Medina  
was surrounded by a multitude of "believers" and few opponents...

when he was strong

his teachings in this period were

- deeper and extensive
- violent – over 5,000 verses exhort Muslims to kill infidels
- to be taught and applied to a believer's life...  
canceling the teachings from the Medina period,  
which were not to be taught or applied
- true Islam

Note: If a Muslim tells you the Koran is a good book and Islam is a peaceful religion, and Jews/Christians/Muslims worship the same God, ask "Which period is that teaching from – the Medina or the Mecca period?"

What does the Koran teach about woman?

- is created for man's pleasure and entertainment  
(a plaything, not created to help man)
- Surah 33 (Al Ahzab, Book of Allies/Confederates):  
woman is lust (the embodiment of lust vs content of man's heart) so she  
must be covered/veiled
- Prophet Al Bokhary writing on menstruation:  
woman is deficient in intelligence and religion...  
(App: man must get those things from another man)
- Surah 2 (Al Baqara, Book of Cow) verse 282: (in a court of Islamic law)  
the testimony of 2 women = testimony of 1 man...  
but due to deficiency of women in intelligence and religion,
  - the testimony of women is never sufficient...
  - there MUST be a testimony of a man

the woman has no legal rights...no respect...no honor  
in fact, the voice of woman is like nakedness...shameful
- Surah 4 (Al Nisa, Book of Woman) verse 11:  
inheritance of woman = ½ inheritance of man
- Prophet Al Bokhary writing on prayer:  
Woman is like a dog and a donkey in that she defiles a man and annuls his  
prayer
- Surah 56 (Al Waqea'a, Book of That Which is Coming) and  
Surah 76 (Al Insan, Book of Man):  
In Paradise, man gets brown-eyed virgins and "immortal youths" for his  
physical pleasure (adultery and pedophilia)...  
the woman...and only if she dies a martyr...gets nothing

What does the Koran teach about marriage?

- man is to take everything he can from woman – beauty, wealth, large family (protection)...not to give everything to her as Word of God teaches
- Surah 4 (Al Nisa, Book of Woman) verses 15 and 35:  
problems are solved with violence  
man can punish his wife in 3 ways...whenever he wants, for any reason...  
and he cannot be challenged
  1. by beating her
  2. by desertion – withholding marital relations from her...  
for which she will be cursed by angels at night
  3. by locking her up in his house until she dies...  
house arrest for the rest of her life
- man can marry 4 women/have 4 wives...women can marry only one man
- Surah 4 (Al Nisa, Book of Woman) verse 24:  
In order for a man to enjoy his wife (marital relations), he must give her wages in return (prostitution vs marriage)
- man can divorce a wife by simply saying, “Woman, I divorce you,” 3 times...  
as easily as a child throws away a plaything he is bored/displeased with...  
  
woman CANNOT divorce her husband
- if a man and a woman are divorced and want to get re-married, the woman must first get married to another man and then divorced from him...  
adultery vs marriage

A woman in Islam is trapped in 7<sup>th</sup> Century Saudi Arabia...oppressed by a religion that worships devils and has no value/disdain for life

Islam is the Spirit of anti-Christ...

The author of the Koran is Satan  
Allah is Satan  
Believers in Allah are devil worshippers  
There is no sanctity of life in Islam

Islam has oppressed Egypt for over 1400 years...peaceful, then dominion...  
“Mecca” then “Medina” (UK/Europe and USA today)

btw...[Obama quotes](#)...3/27/08 and 4/408

The Islamic law (Koran-based society) results in several monumental problems:

A. Divorced women

Divorce rate in Egypt is 55-60%

And out with the woman go her children...  
less mouths for the (poor) man to feed

Where can these women and children go?

Islam teaches violence and hatred...not compassion and love  
So there are no “charitable organizations” to help them  
Her father is shamed if he takes her (his daughter) in...so “no go”

How do they provide for themselves – food, shelter?

She “earns no wages” anymore...if you know what I mean  
They are “deficient” and “defiled”...worthless but for pleasure

If the divorced women are on the streets, men gather around them for their  
pleasure, if you know what I mean...easy prey for predators

B. Children of divorced women

Unwanted by their fathers...little girls in particular

Ramy in pharmacy: man will buy medicine for his sick cow before  
he buys medicine for his sick child  
“If the cow dies, I cannot get another cow.  
If the child dies, I can always have another child.”

Unwanted by their mothers...little girls in particular

The divorced mothers become desperate to get off the streets and  
to find another husband to protect and provide food and  
shelter for them...  
and in a very poor country, what man is going to take a woman  
with children when there are plenty of single women from  
which to choose?

So...the women abandon their children in order to “compete”

The children from broken families are thrown away...human trash left  
in the streets to fend for themselves

In Egypt, there are approx **240,000** homeless orphans (5ys old +)

living in the streets...most of them in Cairo  
living in the sewers  
cannot beg...are given nothing  
stealing or selling narcotics in order to eat

With every monumental problem comes a monumental ministry opportunity

Ps 146:9                    the LORD relieves the fatherless and the widow  
Deut 24:19-21            the LORD provides: harvest of crops, olives, vineyard  
Deut 14:28-29            the people are the LORD's instrument of provision  
Ex 22:22                    You shall not afflict any widow or any fatherless child

Matt 25:31-46            hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, in prison  
                                  God loves the world's trash!

James 1:27  
Gal 6:10

The world is outraged over the film "Finta"...deceived by Islam  
So the governments of the world will not help these children...  
                                  who are precious in God's eyes...treasure

Jesus Christ, the Holy One of Israel, is the only answer, the only hope.  
                                  He indwells us...we are His house (v3, v8, v10)  
The Church MUST respond!  
                                  The Church is the ONLY hope for these children  
                                  To NOT respond is tantamount to afflicting them!

We have been given knowledge of this horrific situation...  
                                  we are accountable to act on this knowledge!  
To do nothing is absolutely unacceptable!

The LORD has given me a vision:  
                                  A Lighthouse in that desert in the midst of the world's greatest evil  
A vision to go to Egypt and build

- Orphanage
  - feed
  - clothe
  - shelter
  - educate...illiteracy is rampant
  - teach English...language of opportunity
  - love and nurture...medical, emotional, spiritual
  - set them free...John 8:32
  - send them as lights into that awful darkness
- Soup Kitchen for street kids...until we have more orphanages
- "Adoption" Agency ("How many do you want? Take them all!")
- Women's Shelter
- Pastoral training center for the underground church...plant churches
  - teach the Word of God
  - teach them how to study and teach the Word

A ministry like this needs 4 kinds of people

- to go...
  - a woman must go (little girls, divorced women)
  - a couple must go
- to send/support...provide financially from their abundance
  - to buy land
  - to build buildings
  - to meet operating expenses of ministry and ministers
- to administer here in AZ
- to pray without ceasing

I laid awake on Thursday night...unable to sleep

I felt the LORD impress 2 questions upon my heart...my heart exam:

1. "Do you love Me more than the ministry of CCA?"
2. "Would you walk away from the ministry of CCA to go love, feed, clothe, shelter, heal, and protect abandoned kids for Me?"

Answers: Yes, LORD! Here I am, send me!"

(Q: Is He sending me?)

Since I learned this, these children are ever-present in my mind  
they dominate my thoughts and prayers

We, as a family, need to fervently seek the LORD

Who will go?

Who will send and support...provide financially?

Who will administer?

Who will pray?

Praying: should be like breathing for every believer!

ALL need to pray

Administering: a spiritual gift

Somebody needs to organize, do paperwork, manage the flow of resources

Giving: a spiritual gift (Rom 12:8)...that needs stirring in your hearts!

2 Tim 1:6 I put you in remembrance that you stir up the gift of God  
which is in you

from a heart that knows

- all things belong to the LORD and he gives the LORD's things to the LORD for the work of the LORD
- our greatest treasure is in heaven...only a tiny fraction is here on earth

Many need to give...from their overflowing abundance



Going: a calling...that cannot be denied

The LORD is not looking for an army to go to Egypt...He doesn't need an army...

Deut 20:1-4 stay home: new house or vineyard or wife...  
or fearful (divided heart)

Gideon with

- broken earthen pitchers (water)...  
the human element, condition
- lamps...the Light of the world
- trumpets...of God

The LORD is looking for bondservants with a mindset of a missionary  
(Note: we ALL are to be!)

- Spirit-led...
  - walking by faith and not by sight
  - walking in the Spirit and not the flesh
- motivated by love for Him vs by fear of man
- willing to Go, not knowing where they are going...  
not hindered by the fear of the unknown
- longsuffering...
  - willing to endure suffering for a long time
  - not fearful of suffering, knowing it means a blessing for someone Jesus died for
- will go with NO confidence in the flesh  

Ps 73:26, 28 My flesh and my heart faileth: *but* God *is*  
the strength of my heart, and my portion  
forever.  
But it *is* good for me to draw near to God:  
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I  
may declare all thy works.
- will go with urgency!

Problem:

The Church in USA...corporately and a multitude of individuals...  
is plagued...with

- the cares of this world
- the deceitfulness of riches...  
at ease and increasing in worldly riches...  
indistinguishable from the world

Ps 73:12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper  
in the world; they increase *in* riches.  
(worship a devil...the god of Mammon)

- the lust of the eyes...covetousness...  
idolatry, the false god of Mammon
- pride and stubbornness
- comfort, complacency, and sleepiness
- fear...a divided heart...a corrupted faith
  - of man
  - of suffering

Result:

A people that believe in God...but do not TRUST Him...  
They still want to be master of their lives

What about this church...this family...you and me?

Matt 4:19-20

To know vs to follow (dropped their nets...obedience)

Luke 9:57-62

Disciple/learner/follower: unconditional and immediate obedience

Matt 16:24-27

The life in us is His...it counts when we give it ALL to Him to do  
as He wills

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus  
unto good works, which God hath before ordained  
that we should walk in them.

Matt 10:37-42

Disciple: a bondservant

These passages of Scripture ask questions that demand answers...

Q: Do you believe in God?

Do you TRUST Him?

With all you are...all you have...all you ever hope to be?

Q: Are you an acquaintance of Jesus Christ...or a follower/learner?

Will you drop your (safety) nets to fish for men...children, women?

Q: When you stand before Jesus, the Lamb Who was slain for you, what

will you have to show for the number of days He gave you?

Q: How much of the abundance the LORD has given you are you willing

to give to rescue an unloved child (considered to be trash)

from the sewer in Cairo?

Q: When you stand before the LORD and your life is examined...what

will remain?

- houses, cars, possessions, money...for yourself...  
is wood, hay, and stubble
- rescuing helpless children and hopeless women from this  
demonic oppression...going or supporting, praying...  
is gold, silver, and precious jewels

Matt 22:36-40 are your investment strategies

- material and self-centered
- eternal and God/others-centered

Rom 12:1-2 Will you present your body as a living sacrifice?

John 13:34-35 Do you so love...practically, sacrificially?

John 8:32 Will you go to those...20% of earth's population...  
imprisoned in the greatest evil on earth?

All of it will involve suffering...whether here or there...it's a promise

2 Tim 3:12

2 Thes 1:4-5

My heart is breaking

Now that I know, I cannot just get on with my life and not do something  
What about you?

I know this will not be easy...it will be resisted by the devil...we are small/few

But I know our God is an awesome God, a multiplier of loaves and fishes  
I know this MUST be a step of faith...that “waters do not part until our feet get wet”

Pray about what the LORD wants you to do...personally

This cannot be an emotional knee-jerk reaction...it will not last

This cannot be a work of the flesh...it will not last

This MUST be Spirit-led...it will be eternally fruitful

Don't try to please God (your works)

Do what pleases God (love)

Do you hear the voice of the LORD?

“Whom shall I send?

Who will go for us?”

We are being presented with an incredible opportunity...

a profound act of love for our LORD and Savior (Matt 25:31-46)

How will we respond...individually and corporately?

It's time for your heart exam!

We are hindered only by ourselves!

- unbelief
- fear
- unfaithfulness
- conditional love for the One Who loves us unconditionally

I plead with all of you:

- Seek the LORD regarding what He wants you to do...  
your gift...your calling
- Be still and know He is God...listen to His small still voice  
speaking to your heart
- Obey...follow...drop your nets

EVERY day...more kids are being thrown away in the streets of Cairo

## Leviticus Chapter 18

Last week...devil worship

So it is a logical next step this week...sexual sin

Perhaps the sin most often mentioned in the Bible – it is the outward manifestation of an inner, spiritual depravity and corruption... spiritual fornication...whoring after other gods

1 Cor 6:13b-18

Issue: Holiness

The boundaries laid down in this chapter by the LORD are

- unmistakable
- uncompromising
- unchanging

Boundaries for yesterday, today, and tomorrow...  
laid down in love for our health and safety

Behaviors outside the boundaries are sins Jesus Christ died for...called

- wickedness (v17)
- abomination (v22)
- confusion (v23)

v1-2 I am the LORD your God:

First order of business:

Who is speaking?

Whose voice **MUST** be heard?

The Self-existent, eternal God of the covenant with AI&J,  
Creator of heaven and earth...

Whose Word is truth and is profitable for doctrine, reproof,  
correction, and instruction in righteousness

“I AM the Lord”, to punctuate the seriousness of the issue, appears 6 times

3 times “I am the LORD your God” (personal)

3 times “I am the LORD” (declaration of consummate authority)

v3 doings of the land of Egypt...Canaan:  
The LORD says,

“You are NOT to behave according to the immorality and spiritual  
filthiness of

Egypt

- the land you left, the land I delivered you from (past)
- the lifestyles/behaviors you must un-learn
- type: the ways of the world

Canaan

- the land I am leading you to cleanse/conquer (future)
- the lifestyles/behaviors you must not learn/adopt
- type: the ways of the flesh

Do not listen to the voices of the false gods of those lands...

Listen to My voice.

Live according to My ways...as revealed in My Word.

You are My peculiar treasure.”

Ex 19:5-6  
Deut 14:2

so, boundaries set down with motive of love

And that goes for us Gentiles grafted into Israel by faith, too.  
Born-again believers in Jesus Christ, His disciples, are

- beloved children of God
- citizens of the kingdom of heaven (Phil 3:20)
- peculiar...purchased possessions (1 Cor 6:19-20)
- a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5)

We must live accordingly...according to His culture, not according to the  
culture of USA, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, China, Egypt, etc

1 John 2:15-17

We are to live lives governed by the Word of God and the Spirit of God...  
not lives governed by our flesh or the ways of man

v4-5 my judgments...ordinances...statutes...do he shall live:

Who says?

Who is speaking?

Whose voice must we hear?

“I am going to lay down some boundaries, within which you will be safe and blessed.

Be holy...set apart from the world, set apart by My Word unto Me, the LORD your God.

Obey...submit to My will...be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer...and live.”

There is life in the Word of God

Deut 30:19-20

God is their life

Deut 32:46-47

God’s Word is their life

John 1:1, 14

is NOT a NT concept...

NOT a new teaching...

John 14:6

but a greater revelation!

v6 approach...to uncover nakedness:

sexual sin with near of kin (v6-17)...within the nuclear/extended family

“approach”...”to uncover nakedness”

- “take” (v17)
- “lie carnally with” (v20)
- “lie with” (v22-23)
- carnal knowledge
- inappropriate one-flesh relationships

Such marriages/fornication/unions existed in both Egypt and Canaan

Apart from the God-ordained marriage relationship of one man and one woman, one-flesh relationships are shameful

Note: in the Word, “nakedness” = shameful (Gen 3:7)

The issue, again, is holiness.

The problem is the lust in man’s heart...the problem is NOT woman as an embodiment of lust as Islam teaches

Sexual sin is the sin most often mentioned in the Bible – it is the outward manifestation of an inner, spiritual depravity and corruption... spiritual fornication...whoring after other gods

- v7 father...mother...her nakedness:  
 1<sup>st</sup> boundary, the one closest to home: one's mother
- nakedness of father = nakedness of mother...the 2 are 1  
 speaking of immorality with your mother
- This is disgusting, horrific, creepy...unimaginable!  
 Honor your father and mother, do not shame them
- v8 father's wife:  
 step-mother
- Reuben, Absalom, man in 1 Cor 5:1 (fornication with father's wife)...  
 didn't go well with any of them, did it?  
 (lost inheritance of firstborn, death, excommunicated)
- v9 sister:  
 Amnon and Tamar.  
 He did not "love her, he lusted for her.  
 And he shamed her, then despised her.  
 Didn't go well with him either (death)
- v10 son's daughter...daughter's daughter:  
 granddaughter
- Why must the LORD our God say this?  
 Why must it...and the things above/beneath...be written?
- Gen 6:5 the wickedness of man is great...  
 every imagination of the thoughts of his  
 heart is only evil continually
- Jer 17:9 the heart is deceitful above all things and  
 desperately wicked (FLDS this week!)
- God says: Deny self and lusts  
 Anti-God says: Indulge self, feed lust  
 corruption of the body in fornication was/is  
 a form of worship
- v11 father's wife's daughter:  
 step-sister  
 Law was given post-Abraham/Sarah



v12-14 father's sister...mother's sister...father's brother:  
aunt

v15 daughter-in-law...son's wife:  
Note: why adoption is illegal in Islam

v16 brother's wife:  
sister-in-law

Why John the Baptist confronted Herod and Herodias, his brother Philip's  
wife...which led to the murder of the last OT prophet

v17 a woman and her daughter...daughter's daughter:  
Immorality with "1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> generations" at the same time  
ala "*The Graduate*"

it is wickedness

The LORD's view of all these kinds of fornication (v6-17):  
wickedness...vile..."heinous crimes"

Now...other sexual sin (v18-23)

v18 wife to her sister...in her lifetime:  
The LORD our God places equal value on both man and woman...  
He set women free and gave them dignity and honor

He prohibits fornication/marriage of one man and 2 sisters, while the wife  
is alive.

Sisters, place yourself in this situation...your husband takes your sister as  
another wife.

How do you feel?

The LORD knows the hurt and jealousy in the heart of the wife  
if her husband were to do this.

To protect her heart as long as she is alive, He lays down this loving  
boundary.

v19 as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness:  
Also out of love and respect for women, the LORD prohibits the husband  
from approaching his wife during her menstrual cycle...  
a time of discomfort for her.

The husband can just take a cold shower...and deny himself on behalf of  
his wife

v20 neighbor's wife:  
One man, one woman, until death do they part  
Beyond that...Adultery.  
Written in stone in Ex 20...revealed in Spirit in Matt 5

Prov 6:32 whoso commits adultery lacks understanding...he destroys  
his own soul

connection: sexual sin and spiritual relationship with God

Note: Sexual sin comes about by the lust in man's heart  
So to this we must add pornography...  
The object of man's lust is someone's wife/daughter/sister/mother

v21 thy seed pass through the fire to Molech:  
Child sacrifice to the devil Molech, false god of the Ammonites.  
Giving an innocent, human life to placate an angry god/devil

The god of this world...Satan, the anti-god...in all his false forms...  
demands that man die for him (sacrifice, martyrdom, etc)  
The One True and Living God died for man so that man might live

To offer a child to the devil, the destroyer of life, is to profane/pollute the  
name of God, the Creator and Giver of life

Penalty: death (Ch 20)

In USA, we have been sacrificing our children to the devil...legally...  
since 1973 (Roe v Wade)

In those 35 years, we as a "culture"/society have sacrificed almost  
50 million innocent babies to the devil

Our culture is awash in idolatry...spiritual adultery/fornication

USA must repent!

The longsuffering of God does have limits!

v22 lie with mankind, as with womankind:

Sodomy, homosexuality...

man with man, woman with woman...

a behavior, not a "birth defect" or a civil right...

is an abomination...

disgusting in the eyes of eternal God, Creator of heaven and earth, Whose unchanging Word transcends time

Homosexuality is a depraved, anti-god, lustful behavior of man condemned throughout Scripture, OT and NT

(Rom 1:24-28, 1 Cor 6:9, 1 Tim 1:10, 2 Tim 3:3, etc)

Satanically inspired deception to destroy God's foundation and order

And an indicator of the depth of depravity of our culture:

The civil rights being granted for this wicked behavior

It is a hate crime in Canada to speak against homosexuality as a sin...

to speak the Word of God on this issue will land you in jail

It soon will be in USA too, I believe.

But I for one will not dance between two opinions –

the Word of God and political-correctness of sinful man

As the LORD of hosts lives, before Whom I stand, I will declare His Word

If that lands me in jail, so be it.

I expect the one who stands here after me will make the same choice.

And the one after him etc, etc, etc

v23 lie with any beast:

bestiality...unnatural, depraved, anti-god behavior of lustful man.

The LORD calls it confusion... "unnatural mixture", perversion...

which is of Satan (1 Cor 14:33),

who seeks to destroy the natural order God has created

The loving God lays down this boundary for man's protection

The AIDS virus started with bestiality

v6-17 heinous crimes with near kin

v18-23 disgusting and confused behaviors

All these things have a spiritual root

Now the LORD has very clear instruction for His people...

and warn them of the consequences of disobedience

v24-25 in all these the nations are defiled:

The LORD is laying down these boundaries now...  
out here in the wilderness...because the 7 nations He will vanquish  
from His land are guilty of all these horrific behaviors/lifestyles.

This sin (collective) was not full when He gave the land to Abraham...  
400 years ago, but now it is (Gen 15:16)  
His land is contaminated...spiritually, a toxic waste dump

The children of Israel will be His instrument of judgment for the  
wickedness, abominations, and confusion of the current inhabitants  
of His land

The Almighty God is going to vomit the filthiness and anti-godliness off  
the land...a sudden, violent purging of that which poisonous

v26-29 keep my statutes...not commit any of these abominations:

The LORD is drawing a line in the sand.

“Listen to My voice...obey My Word...and live.

Listen to other voices...neglect My Word....and you will be vomited and  
die.”

v30 keep mine ordinance:

Singular – one man, one woman, in marriage until death do they part  
The only one-flesh relationship that is sanctified, blessed, safe

Who says?

The LORD our God...

The Supreme Authority and the Living God Who died for us

What is the issue?

Holiness before a holy God

Sexual sin is the sin most often mentioned in the Bible – it is the outward manifestation  
of an inner, spiritual depravity and corruption...spiritual fornication...  
whoring after other gods

The root is spiritual

So...the application of this truth to our hearts is

- Outward
- Inward

## A. Outward

### Sexual sin

- Incest
- Adultery
- Pornography
- Sodomy
- Bestiality

is seen by the holy God as

- wickedness...heinous crimes
- abomination...disgusting
- confusion...unnatural, perversion
- idolatry...devil worship
- that which has defiled the nations
- that which causes the land to vomit its inhabitants

What is The LORD saying to sexual sinners (dead in sin/lost and backslider)?

Repent and be saved...2 Peter 3:9, 1 Cor 6:9-11

I love you...John 3:16

The world is filled with putrid and vile sin against God, yet Jesus **became** those sins so the sinner might not perish!

## B. Inward

Can you hear the voice of God?

We are bombarded with a cacophony of voices...it can be very confusing

- Media (radio, TV, movies, news, magazines, Internet, advertising)
  - What sells? Sex
  - Voices of idolatry...spiritual adultery...whoring after false gods
  - Fanning the fires of 1 John 2:15-17
  
- Religion (including Christian religions)...the traditions of man
  - What sells? Salvation by works and devices of demons
  - Voices of idolatry...self...spiritual adultery...whoring after false gods
  - Fanning the fires of 1 John 2:15-17
  
- Evangelical Christianity
  - What sells? Feelings, emotions, experiences...cultural relevance  
[ “A Magazine” article ]  
[ I AM The Center ]
  - Contemplative practices, “spiritual formation”,  
Spiritual Awakening...but not in Spirit and in Truth
  - Mysticism...union with demons
  - Voices of anti-god/anti-Christ fills the churches  
Ezk 34:1-10
  - Fanning the fires of 1 John 2:15-17

All voices from Egypt (the world) and Canaan (the flesh)

All voices of the devil...who appears as an angel of light yet comes to steal, kill, and destroy

All voices of confusion: truth mixed with error is equivalent to all error, except more innocent looking and, therefore, more dangerous

But also in the mix of voices...

- The Voice of God
  - In the Word of God...strong and clear:  
I AM the LORD your God.
  - In the Spirit...still, small voice

Ezk 34:11-16

Jer 3:15

1 John 4:4

To hear the Voice of God, you must be in the Word and you must be still...  
and be near (James 4:8a)

Warning! Unless USA repents, the LORD will visit her iniquity upon her.

If the USA does not vomit the great filthiness and anti-godliness that has corrupted her...this nation will be vomited/cut off.  
I wonder how many warning signs will be given and ignored...

Warning! The lukewarm Church is also about to be vomited!

Laodicean Church no longer hears the voice of the LORD...  
Who is on the outside knocking, wanting to come in.  
Instead, they are listening to those other voices...Egypt, Canaan, the angel of light

Warning! To the Laodiceans in this fellowship...

who hear the Word of God but it just bounces off, it does not penetrate your lukewarm, complacent heart...  
Hear the voice of the LORD!  
Hear Him knocking and let Him in...before you get vomited!

Did the children of Israel listen to the voice of the LORD their God?

No...they listened to the other voices.

Will the USA listen to the voice of the LORD and repent?

Looks very doubtful

Will the Church listen to the voice of God...His unchanging Word, His Spirit?

No...she will listen to other voices...Egypt, Canaan, the angel of light  
Thyatira is a harlot  
Sardis is already dead  
Laodicea is about to be vomited

Will the Laodiceans in this church listen to the voice of the LORD?

That's the question that concerns me the most  
There are many voices in this church competing with the voice of the LORD,  
tempting us to compromise  
It leads to confusion.

Whose voice do you hear?

The LORD calling you to holiness...or anti-god tempting you to compromise?  
(may not even be listening...because listening to another voice)

Disciples

- listen only to the Voice of God...
- take His words to heart...
- obey and follow the Good Shepherd...even if no one else does

Israel is given for our example...will we learn?

Altar call: Repent

## Leviticus Chapter 19

Subject: Social order

The “natural” condition of things...starting with the human heart...  
is confusion

Satan is the author of confusion...God is the God of order

Issue: Holiness

The LORD declares Himself 16 times in this chapter

8 times: the LORD your God...personal

8 times: the LORD...His absolute authority

v1-2 be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy:

Another definitive introduction, like Ch 17 and Ch 18

The command is unmistakable...

The authority behind the command is unmistakable...

Whose voice we are to listen to is also unmistakable –  
the LORD our God vs ourselves or any man/creature

v3 mother...father...sabbaths:

Social order begins with our relationship with our heavenly Father.

And that is initially established with our earthly parents.

1. our Heavenly Father: keep, observe diligently, the day He set aside for Himself...for us to rest in communion with Him  
(Commandment #4...last of Table 1)
2. our earthly parents: revere, honor, respect your mother and father...  
unconditionally  
(Commandment #5...first of Table 2 and the first commandment  
with a promise...that your days may be long upon the land  
which the LORD your God gives you.)

To honor your earthly parents (obey, submit to their authority) is  
to honor your Heavenly Father (obey, submit to His authority)...  
and order reigns

To dishonor your earthy parents (disrespect, rebel against) is  
to dishonor your Heavenly Father (disrespect, rebel against)...  
and confusion reigns



v4 not unto idols...molten gods:  
The personal God declares, again, that His people are to worship Him and Him alone.  
They are not to make graven or molten images with their own hands... or in their minds...and worship them.  
Because behind every idol is a devil

Ch 17 and Ch 18 are all about this command, Commandment #2  
Deut 6:4-15 Part 1 of Jesus' summary of the Law

v5-8 peace offerings...own will...profaned:  
In a right relationship, devoted to the LORD your God...  
Who is holy, almighty, merciful, gracious, longsuffering, compassionate, kind...  
which is possible because He gave us His Son as a sin offering...  
you will of your own free will worship Him and bring Him an offering from the blessings He has showered upon you.

Our relationship with the LORD is seen in the offerings we bring...

- our lives as living sacrifices,
- our God-given time, talents, and resources

Bringing an offering is not a legal duty...but a loving response to the love He has given us

Rom 5:8

2 Cor 9:7 Every man according as he purposes in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver....

because He gave His Son to us cheerfully, not grudgingly or because He "had to"

Our relationship with the LORD is also seen in our obedience to His Word  
Regarding the free will offering of the peace offering...v6-8  
On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day the peace offering started to rot, to spoil

To disobey is to despise the Word of God and His peace offering  
(like all the offerings, a shadow of Jesus Christ)

To tell Jesus, after you have heard the Gospel,  
"Later. I'll give my life to you later.

There are things I want to do with my life first."

is to despise Him and His work upon the Cross for you.

2 Cor 6:2 not promised tomorrow

Heb 10:26-29

v9-10 not wholly reap...not glean:

Social Order: First, the LORD our God  
Second, others

Same order as the summary of the Law and prophets given by Jesus  
(Matt 22:36-40)

First among the others...the poor and the stranger

This describes the LORD's "welfare system" and "food stamp program"

- You are completely dependent upon Me for the harvest  
(germination, rain, etc)...  
I AM the LORD of the harvest...  
I AM Jehovah-jireh your Provider
- Do not thoroughly, completely harvest your fields of grain nor  
pick clean your vineyards.
- Leave the extremities, leave that which you drop  
for the poor and the stranger...  
which you will always have among you (Matt 26:11)

Build in a "margin of error" in your harvesting  
It is NOT waste...it is evidence God's love for  
the poor and the stranger

Social order is based on God's love...love without words...love in action

A type of the lost who later becomes a type of the Church, Ruth,  
both poor and a stranger, was gleaning in Boaz' fields

A type of Christ, Boaz' response is the heart of God:

Ruth 2:15-16

Boaz' fields are a type of the world, the mission fields

God's love...

John 13:34-35

James 1:27

is Why We Go

- eloquently captured by Sherrie Youngward [[email](#)]
- why we go to Mexico
- why we are going to Egypt
- why we give canned goods to a family in distress (in lobby)
- why we go into our neighborhoods

God's love is why we ALL Go...not just 10% while 90% stay!

Matt 28:19-20

Acts 1:8

Jerusalem: Who goes? ALL of us, each of us

Judea: Who goes? Most of us

Samaria: Who goes: Some of us

Uttermost parts of the world: Who goes? Few of us

Most Christians think missionary work is for 10% to go and  
90% to stay...and the 90% want the 10% to do all the work  
That's not true! ALL are involved...ALL go

The world is experiencing the birth pangs before the return of  
Jesus Christ!

Time is short!

We will not reach our communities with events headed up by me...  
we will reach them with evangelism...by ALL of us!

Do you have a burden for the lost in your neighborhood and  
work place...your mission fields?

- Pray for the lost in your neighborhood/work place
- Walk around and ask your neighbors how you can pray for them (especially as times get more difficult)
- Engage them so they can glean from your bountiful harvest of God's blessings (spiritual, material if applicable)
- Invite them to church!

If you don't have a burden for the lost in your own neighborhood,  
if you won't go as a missionary into your neighborhood...  
who will go for you?

Don't expect anyone else to...it's why the LORD planted you in  
that field!

The LORD is expecting you to work that land and harvest it!

Joshua 18:3

Luke 19:11-26

(not same as Parable of 10 Talents)

Occupy: to stay busy at His work...seek and save the lost

The LORD expects ALL of us to do something with

- His valuable investment in us
- what He has given us – eternal life, grace, love
- what He has entrusted with us – the Gospel

1 Cor 3:9-15

Someday we will give an account...

Jesus is going to ask each of us individually,  
“If you are My disciple, where are the fruits that  
demonstrate your faith?  
What did you do in the field I gave you to work?”

Are you fearful of man...or of God?  
Just open your mouth for Jesus...and see what He does!

e.g. Rich Selby in Moscow to Mormons...sowing seeds  
over 3X hits on website as a result...  
where the entire world can get the Word of God

Well...you may be asking...How do we do that?  
Hold that thought for 2 more verses...

v11 not steal...deal falsely...lie:  
When it comes to relating with others, no lying, cheating, or stealing...  
for benefit of Self  
Commandments #8 and #9

v12 not swear by my name falsely:  
“Do not ‘hide behind’ My holy name for your unholy purpose.  
Be good to your word like I am.”

Eccl 5:1-5

Matt 5:33-37

profane the name:

To discredit, defile, defame the name of the one true and living God  
Commandment #3...the 6<sup>th</sup> in first 12 verses

The world, in speech, is continually doing this....  
saying He is “damning” something...when nothing could be  
further from the truth (world is already condemned)

When men are angry or excited, in real life or in TV/movies, they say with  
disgust the sweetest sounding name there is – Jesus Christ  
Why don't they profane the name of Mohammed, Allah, Buddha, Satan?  
Because Jesus Christ, The Holy One of Israel, the LORD God of Israel,  
**is** God...none others are...  
and natural man has hatred for God in his heart

Warning: **Rom 1:32**

If you say nothing, do nothing, you are guilty of the same

Every time you hear someone profane the name of our God is a witnessing opportunity

- untrue...world is already condemned
- why
- what He has done about it

Now...back to that question in your mind...How do we evangelize our neighborhood and work place?

A: How did Jesus do it?

**Matt 19:16-22**

- corrected his definition of “good”
- pointed him to the Ten Commandments...the Law of God
- revealed the Spirit of the Ten Commandments

What was Jesus doing?

Damning/condemning? No

Preparing the soil (heart) so that it would receive the seed  
(Gospel/Good News)

**John 8:1-11**

- Did Jesus damn and condemn her? No
- With the Ten Commandments as the reference point, He convicted everyone’s conscience of their sin
  - no man is justified by the Law
  - Godly sorrow works repentance to salvation
- commands obedience and holiness

We are studying the Law of God...which perfect for convicting sinners of their sin!

**Ps 19:7a**

The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul

Open a man’s eyes to his sin by the Law of God and his heart will be open to the Gospel...saved by grace thru faith in Jesus Christ

A very effective evangelizing approach taught by Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort called *The Way of the Master*

With His heart...urgent for men dying in their sins and going to hell...  
With His power...the power of the Holy Spirit...we must

1. just open our mouths for Jesus...and have fun doing it...  
being quick with a smile and a laugh
2. start...initiate...a conversation using
  - Gospel tract – there are excellent free ones at [www](http://www).
  - current event with Biblical ramifications
  - general questions...like

Are you a good person? (By what measure?)  
Have you ever lied?  
Have you ever stolen anything?  
Have you ever hated anyone?  
Have you ever lusted in your heart for a woman/man?  
Are you perfect?  
Do you know what the perfect God did for imperfect liars,  
thieves, adulterers, murderers?

How many of the Ten Commandments can you name?  
(For those named)...Have you ever done that?  
Do you think you will you go to heaven or to hell?

Do you ever think of life and death?  
Where do people go after they die?  
Where will **you** go after you die?  
Why do you believe that?

The fields are white with the harvest...it's why we ALL go...ALL participate

- family
- friends
- neighborhoods
- nation
- Mexico
- Egypt
- wherever...whenever

Contrary to how most Christians live, Biblical Christianity is not a spectator sport!  
It's "all hands on deck!"

The laborers are few...be one of them!

If we love Jesus Christ, we will have His heart and do as He commanded!

Where there is no faith, there can be no good works.  
Where there are no good works, can there be faith?

Last time: Social Order from the God of order...prescription for a healthy society

1. LORD Himself
2. others

This time:

1. others, continued
2. Order between the physical and spiritual realms

v13 not defraud...rob:

Do not steal...Commandment #8...arising from Commandment #10  
honor the property rights of others

wages...all night:

Do not keep the wages of a day-laborer over night...  
he is depending upon those wages to eat tonight!

Pay him before sunset

Deut 24:14-15

Masters/employers...be fair and equal to your employees

James 5:1-5

cries of defrauded workers reach the LORD of hosts

Col 4:1

knowing you have a Master in heaven

Jer 22:13

Woe to him that does this

Is human nature honest or dishonest, good or evil?

Matt 19:17

Humanism is a cracked foundation...why all nations fall

v14 deaf...blind:

In the world, there is a mean-spiritedness

the strong take advantage of the weak...

the mighty are cruel towards the lowly...

the advantaged have "fun" at the expense of the disadvantaged

The Creator of all men commands

- the strong to care for the weak (lame, deaf, blind)...
- the mighty to be kind to the lowly...
- the advantaged to be compassionate toward the disadvantaged

- out of a heart like God's...Ps 103:8-12

OR

- out of fear for the almighty God who hears for the deaf and sees for the blind...He is the Defender of the defenseless.

v15 judgment...not respect:

“Do not pervert justice for any man, rich or poor.  
Fair is fair.  
Don’t play favorites.”

The Law knows no favorites

v16 talebearer:

Do not slander or gossip about your neighbor...  
speaking words of confusion...being the devil’s mouthpiece.  
(Don’t hide behind, “Oh, we need to pray for...”)  
Give the Spirit of God control of your tongue.

against the blood:

Do not kill...Commandment #6  
The Spirit of which is Matt 5:21-22

Do not be a false witness/liar...particularly in the trial for a capital offense  
Commandment #9

v17 not hate thy brother...rebuke thy neighbor:

Love makes order possible...and order produces a healthy society  
Hate causes confusion...which produces an unhealthy society

Do you have some “beef” against your brother?

Don’t let it simmer in your heart...and turn into bitterness

- affecting only you...
- hurting your relationships with the LORD and your brother...
- causing you to sin...

Go to him with meekness and fear to “work it out”

- get his side of the story (Prov 18:13)
- admonish him if need be...be admonished if need be

In the case of sin...Matt 18:15-17

If you saw a child playing with matches and a can of gasoline,  
would you say anything?

Same applies when a brother is in “self-destruct mode”

We are NOT the Holy Spirit but we are our brother’s keeper and a  
form of brotherly love is to speak the truth in love...  
the Word of God with the heart of God.

Godly sorrow works repentance to salvation



v18 not avenge nor bear a grudge:  
Seeking revenge/holding a grudge is a manifestation of unforgiveness and bitterness...an effective device of the devil.

Do not design malice upon your neighbor...anyone for any reason

Forgive and forget, be merciful and gracious...like your Father in heaven  
Vengeance belongs to Me, I will recompense  
(Deut 32, Ps 94, Heb 10)  
He alone is worthy and able to fairly judge

love your neighbor as yourself:

Jesus' summary for Table 2 (Matt 22:36-40)...and quoted 8X in NT

Q: Who is your neighbor? Read the Parable of the Good Samaritan

A: Easier to answer who is NOT

We are commanded to love our neighbor like God does...  
something we must learn to do...because it's not natural  
by submitting to the will and Word of God...by faith

Mercy, grace, longsuffering, kindness, compassion...  
Those are attributes of God, not natural man.

We must let Him re-create our heart after His heart  
We are men after His own heart...like David...when we  
1. love Him with all our heart, mind, and soul  
2. love our neighbor as our self

Friday morning on GMA: an experiment on the streets of USA city  
Child (actor) alone by a car, frightened, even crying  
Dozens of people just walked right by!  
Finally, a grandmother stopped, comforted, called 911, protected

Both the hardness of heart of the multitude and the kindness and  
compassion of one heart was enough to make you cry

In our society, has love grown cold?  
(Matt 24:12...end times warning)

The love of God for our neighbor...it's why we go...ALL of us...to

- Family and Friends
- Neighborhoods and Nation [ "What if" cards ]
- Mexico and Egypt
- Wherever...whenever

Now we change gears to things that cause spiritual confusion vs spiritual order

v19 diverse kind...mingled:

Deut 22:9-11

Mixing causes defilement and corruption...the root is spiritual

The Creator Who is pure, after He created all plant and animal life after their kind...

- saw that it was good (after each day of Creation)
- blessed them and multiplied them...after their own kind

The Creator Who established the natural order commands, man, who

- was given dominion over the earth
- is targeted for destruction by the destroyer

to not

- create “new kinds”
- make unnatural mixtures

Man is not to create new life forms the Creator did not create...  
it introduces confusion into His order

Yet we have, haven't we...interbreeding livestock, grains, and fruit trees

It has led to Genetic Engineering: DNA mapping, cloning...

- plant/plant
- animal/animal (“Dolly”)
- human/animal  
cow and human recently in UK...lived 3 days

Dan 12:4 in the time of the end...characterized by deception...  
knowledge shall be increased

Methinks the Creator is very upset with man “playing God”

Will technology advancements allow man to do what Hitler tried to do...  
breed a superior “Master Race”?

What is in man's heart to prevent such an endeavor? Nothing

What prevents it? Man's conscience...God's moral code written inside

What happens when man's conscience is seared?

What happens when the Church is taken off the earth?

Some sort of “unnatural mix” corruption in the days of Noah led to...  
judgment by Flood

Some sort of “unnatural mix” corruption in the last days will lead to...  
judgment by Fire

The root of the impurity and confusion is...spiritual

v20-22 lie carnally with a woman...bondmaid:

Sexual sin has a spiritual root; it's a spiritual corruption

Situation where a man has carnal knowledge of a woman servant engaged to another man, but not yet redeemed (Ex 21:7-11)

God's order has been violated...she is already espoused

This Law prevents the degradation of a slave to mere personal property

Restoration of order:

- she will be punished (not a case of rape)
- he must pay with a sin offering
- they will not be stoned to death (adultery) because the woman is not a free woman...her freedom has not been purchased

v23-25 trees for food...three years...fourth year...fifth year:

The LORD's commands to keep order in the spiritual realm now moves into avoiding the confusion in the land of Canaan

First, "the garden"

The wicked inhabitants of the land of Canaan held onto religious/idolatrous superstitions regarding fruit/nut trees, particularly during the first three years a tree bears fruit

Thus...

- Years 1-3: the fruit is unfit for eating...drawing a clear line of distinction between His people and the Amorites
- Year 4: the entire yield belongs to the LORD... His portion, the firstfruits
- Years 5+: the yield is for His people... and the superstitions are overruled

v26 blood:

a demonic practice emphatically condemned in Ch 17 etc

enchantment, nor observe times:

As emphatically, the LORD commands His people to not engage in witchcraft, divination, soothsaying, magic, sorcery...mysticism all of which are entries into the demonic realm

Today, the Church is filled with mysticism/new spirituality... the root of which is Babylon (Babel = "confusion")

v27 heads...beards:

Another occultic practice involved certain hair cutting/beard trimming rituals of divination by the Amorites

This is why Orthodox Jews don't cut the hair around their temples and don't trim their beards

Flee from evil...even the appearance of evil

v28 cuttings...marks:

More occultic practices by the inhabitants of the land... practices that started in Babylon ("confusion")

- self-mutilation: cutting one's flesh in mourning the dead
- self-decoration/tattoos: a mark of an idol showing that the bearer of the tattoo was a servant of that idol/image/false god

This is also a VERY significant command in the future – the Mark of the Beast...the anti-god incarnate... the anti-christ (Rev 13)

Every tattoo you see is a witnessing opportunity

v29 not prostitute thy daughter:

Another deplorable, wicked practice of the inhabitants of the land of Canaan...to sell their daughters into prostitution for idolatrous pagan worship practices

Ch 18:24-28

after commands against sexual sin

Human trafficking...sex trade...parents selling their daughters... is still going on today

[ RD article regarding Egyptian girl ]

a society characterized by confusion...  
an unhealthy society

- v30 my sabbaths...sanctuary:  
 Twice commanded in this chapter...14 times in Scripture...  
 to keep the LORD's Sabbath...  
 and be preserved from idolatry/devil worship by staying in  
 communion with the LORD their God
- During their dispersion...for falling into whoredom...the Jews kept the  
 Sabbath...and the Sabbath kept the Jews
- Also, "Do not defile My House. Come to My house for guidance and your  
 needs..."
- v31 familiar spirits...wizards:  
 "...and stay away from the devil's house. I AM the LORD!"
- Fortune tellers, tarot card readers, psychics, witches commune with  
 demons for guidance and provision of their needs.
  - Séances and Quiji boards also open doors to the demonic realm  
 Kathryn frightened by story at school of Ouiji board "moving"
  - Mind-altering drugs also open the spiritual portal into the demonic  
 realm
- A healthy society will have none of theses...  
 ours has all of them and needs to repent  
 (USA is wonderful compared to others nations...but the Word of  
 God is the measure of comparison, not other nations)
- v32 rise up before the hoary head:  
 Also part of God's order for a healthy society:  
 Respect and honor senior citizens...
- Don't push them aside and out of the family environment as does our  
 "young"-oriented society ("fountain of Youth")
- How long would the child in GMA experiment gone without help  
 had it not been for a grandmother?
- Blessed with many years, senior citizens have the experience, knowledge,  
 and wisdom that benefits society. ("fountain of Smart")
- So everyone needs to be more respectful to Rich and Chuck...

v33-34 stranger...not vex...ye were strangers:  
“You were mistreated by the Egyptians.  
I loved you and embraced you.  
You must do the same to the strangers/foreigners in your midst.”

Love your neighbor as yourself.  
Remember from whence you came.

Is this nation of immigrants being loving and embracing immigrants  
today?

Are we treating others as we want them to treat us? (Matt 7:12)

Far from it.

We have forgotten our roots, our past

[ retreat arrests in Prescott ]

v35-36 judgment...balances...weights:  
“You were not treated fairly in Egypt (the world).  
I delivered you from the cruel unfairness of Egypt.  
So treat each other fairly.”

A command to engage in fair business practices.  
Do not cheat customers or suppliers.  
Do not cut corners...and lessen what you committed to deliver...  
in order to save a buck.

The “all mighty buck” isn’t...the LORD God is Almighty!

v37 I am the LORD:  
Last Word:

“I am the God of order, not the author of confusion.  
Listen to My voice.  
If you love Me, you will do as I command.  
And you will be blessed for obedience.”

## Leviticus Chapter 20

Issue: Holiness

Clear tone: No Compromise with spiritual fornication/adultery...

Perspective needed: God's...look at this chapter as a Marriage study...you and LORD

v1-2a Again:

The importance of His words in Ch 18-20 is established by

- I am the LORD your God...personal
- I am the LORD...Supreme Authority
- repetition

v2b-3 Whosoever...giveth of his seed to Molech:

Child sacrifice is condemned/cursed

Any man that worships the false god Molech...

which called for the offering the life of his child...

a good and perfect gift from God the Creator of life

will lose his life.

- the children of Israel will stone him to death  
(Gen 9:6)
- the Living God of AI&J...  
so terribly offended...“That’s My child you murdered!”  
will cut him off...expression of Divine wrath/indignation

The offense/betrayal:

1. defile My sanctuary: worship a false god...and then come to God’s house to worship Him
  - divided heart of a two-timer (1 K 18:21)
  - double-mindedness (James 1:8, James 4:8)
2. profane My holy name: to defy the LORD’s authority...  
thereby giving the enemies of God cause to blaspheme His name

Human sacrifice...abortion is widely accepted in the world today...  
is met with the wrath of God

“When?!”, ask all us sons of thunder

Ps 73:16-19

PTL He is longsuffering!

Note: All the false gods are angry and need to be appeased by the worshippers via human sacrifice  
The worshippers of false gods worship Satan, who seeks the destruction of man  
Allah is a false god...his worshippers are sweeping over the earth

The curse/condemnation is as broad..."whosoever" will be put to death...  
as

The blessing is broad..."whosoever" believes in Jesus Christ, the Son of man and the Son of God, shall not perish but have everlasting life

Again...man is presented with a choice: blessing or curse?

If you have confessed and repented of this sin...  
sacrificing your child to a false god...  
the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the Cross has cleansed you and you are forgiven, your sin being removed as far from you as the east is from the west

If you are still in this sin, if you have not confessed and repented...  
repent!  
Be forgiven before you are put to death

v4-5 if...any ways hide their eyes:

An equally severe warning for someone who

- knows the command/consequence above
- knows of such a sin/sinner
- is not their brother's keeper
- winks...looks the other way...turns a blind eye (Rom 1:32)

The guilt is shared...that person

- is every bit as guilty of spiritual adultery with a false god
- will suffer the same consequence...as will his family!  
The whorish heart must be totally removed.

Holiness is commanded...complete obedience is expected  
Instruction/warning is given...consequences are certain

Perspective of v2-5: that of a Husband betrayed

Is 54:5

Jer 3:20

Ezk 16:25-32



v6 familiar spirits...wizards:  
Next, spiritual adultery with any demon or medium (conjurer of demons)  
Same offense...same judgment

v7-8 Sanctify yourselves...LORD which sanctify you:  
Commands to the people:

- Sanctify yourselves...separate yourselves from the world  
2 Cor 6:14-17

- Be holy  
1 Cor 6:13b-20  
2 Cor 11:2

This puts Matt 10:37 into perspective

- Do  
James 1:22  
Prov 19:20
  - Listen to His small still voice
  - Receive instruction....requiring humility, submission
  - Learn...obey God-breathed vs man-breathed words  
(man has bad breath!)

Confirmations of the LORD to His people

- I am the Supreme Authority...My will will be done!  
Prov 19:21
- I am your personal God...I want a whole-hearted relationship with you...not just your religious works for me
- I will sanctify/ cleanse/purify you

The LORD's work:

- Salvation
- Sanctification (Phil 2:12-13)

Our work

- Believe (John 6:29)
- Obey (John 14:15)

v9 curseth his father or his mother:

Next spiritual adultery...to despise the

- social order the LORD has established (Ch 19:3)
- the authority He has placed over you for your good (Deut 6:7, Prov 22:6)

Deut 21:18-21  
Mark 7:10-13

Methinks no youth problems like today!  
cannot hide behind “good works”/religion

v10-21 is about sexual sin

The root is spiritual...the offense is spiritual adultery

v10 adultery with another man’s wife...neighbor’s wife:

Observations:

1. It is spiritual adultery against the LORD to commit sexual adultery with ANY man’s wife/woman’s husband (Parable of Good Sam.)
2. It takes two, and BOTH parties will be cut off...the infidelity must be completely removed for the health of the relationship with God (the self-righteous hypocrisy and double standard in John 8:1-11)
3. The Spirit of the Law addresses the real problem...the lustful heart (Matt 5:27-28)
4. Application of the Spirit of the Law for us today, besides the obvious:
  - Men (visually stimulated): doggedly guard your eye-gate! (TV/movies, advertising, Internet, at work, here)
  - Women: “Warm Weather Warning” to all you ladies...sisters
    - Married: Don’t dress yourself such that you show every man what should only be seen by your husbands
    - Single: Don’t be advertising!
    - Dress modestly...make sure
      - Shirts/blouses are high enough and low enough
      - Shorts/skirts are high enough and low enough
    - Don’t come into the LORD’s house...or anywhere... and cause any man...your brother...to stumble
    - Husbands: get involved and guide your wife according to the Word of God

Everybody clear?

v11 with his father's wife:

1 Cor 5:1-7

Harlotry is a killer...it must be cut out/put out

v12 with his daughter-in-law:

Another shameful form of spiritual adultery....."unnatural mixture"

It works confusion in the body...same judgment

This past week, an even more shocking form was revealed in Austria

- "monster" kidnapped/imprisoned his daughter at age 18
- fathered 7 children by her

v13 with mankind:

Sodomy...homosexuality...

- man with man
- woman with woman

is the creature defying the natural order established by the Creator

Another form of spiritual adultery...a perverse, disgusting lust

And all the blame and guilt will be on the offenders

In a society running away from God, this sin is called "gay"...why?

- Life expectancy is 20 years less than general population (Family Research Institute)
- Pedophilia is 6-20 times higher than general population (i.e. NAMBA)
- There can be no joy outside of God's will

And in spite of the propaganda to gain acceptance, homosexuality is a choice, not "how God made me"

- God cannot lie...The Word of God is a lie if the propaganda is true
- God is good...He would be malicious and cruel if he made homosexuals just so He could kill them
- Ps 103:8, 2 Peter 3:9

Sodomy/homosexuality is

- a willful perversion of the Creator's natural order
- spiritual adultery
- a sin for which Jesus paid with His blood

Homosexuals, like all sinners who fall short of the glory of God,  
MUST repent or face eternal judgment

This is not hate speech...this is heart break for the lost

- v14 take a wife and her mother:  
 The beat goes on with this wickedness...“heinous crime”  
  
 Death was by stoning...the LORD’s form of capital punishment...  
 and the remains were cremated  
 Joshua 7:25 (Achan)  
 The camp of Israel was purified by fire
- v15-16 lie with a beast:  
 Bestiality is a shocking and revolting form of spiritual adultery...  
 and the blame and guilt of this depravity will be on the offenders
- v17 take his sister:  
 carnal knowledge of one’s sister/brother must also be cut out if the  
 relationship with the LORD is to be healthy  
 The execution of the offenders will be in front of many witnesses...  
 a deterrent
- v18 lie with a woman having her sickness:  
 i.e. during her menstrual cycle  
  
 Not done ignorantly/unknowingly...Ch 15:24 (unclean 7 days)  
 But done by both man and woman in willful, defiant repetition, having  
 full knowledge
- v19-20 mother’s sister...father’s sister...uncle’s wife:  
 An inappropriate union with aunt/near of kin is also spiritual adultery  
 Mother/father sister...wife of mother/father brother  
 The offenders will be cursed...”the end of the line”...killed
- v21 take his brother’s wife:  
 Unless obligated by the Law to preserve the LORD’s inheritance  
 (Deut 25:5-10)...  
 such an act is a “moral filthy rag” and the offenders will be cursed  
 (Jer 22:28-30)

v22-24 keep...do...walk:

After The Word of God regarding spiritual adultery...  
Marriage Vows and a warning of divorce

- Our Marriage Vow:
  - keep ALL...be faithful
  - do
  - do not go whoring with the false gods of the nations
  
- Warning of divorce (for unfaithfulness/infidelity):
  - I rejected, am disgusted by, the nations that do these things
  - the land will vomit you out...I will “put you away”  
Matt 19:6-9
  
- LORD’s Marriage Vow:
  - I have said...so I will do as I have said
  - I am the LORD your God Who has
    - “divided” you out of the world  
(God is the God of division)
    - made you a peculiar people unto Myself

Why has God not judged/”put out” USA, Europe...the world?

- The fullness of the Gentiles is not yet come in (Rom 11:25)
- Sin is not yet full (Gen 15:16)
- The faithful Church

Considering the Marriage Vows...

- We are a peculiar/purchased people (1 Peter 2:9)
- We have been divided from the world (John 17, Phil 3:20)
- God is the God of Division (Matt 10:34-36)
  - There cannot be unity/”2 = 1” at the expense of Truth
  - The unity the world wants is based on compromise...  
the LORD does not compromise on holiness
  - We must resist such efforts at “unity” and be faithful  
unto the LORD

v25 put difference between:

The LORD is commanding His people to “divide” between the clean and  
the unclean...based on His lines of division

- v26 be holy unto me...have severed you...be mine:
1. We are to be separate unto the LORD...to be one with Him...  
our lives a living sacrifice, not conformed to the world but transformed (Rom 12:1-2)
  2. The LORD has “divided” from the world unto Himself...  
a peculiar people in the world but not of the world

We CANNOT be holy unto the LORD if we are unwilling to be separated from the world.

This relationship the LORD desires...it takes 2...  
all this is about a committed, passionate, intimate relationship  
between the LORD and you

He is faithful to you...are you faithful to Him?

v27 familiar spirit...wizard:

Wow! v6 is repeated after it is all said-and-done. Why?

Let it be known:

- Israel would seek after demons and wizards/mediums...  
would commit spiritual adultery with the devil in God’s  
land
- The LORD would put them away...  
vomiting them out of the land as He warned

What will the LORD do with

- nations that have done the same?
- the Church that has done the same?

Our society and the nations are confused and lost...unfaithful

The Church is confused and adulterous

The Word of God is clear: Be holy in an unholy world

- separated from...”divided” out of
- separated unto the LORD alone...completely, unconditionally
- uncompromising...for He is uncompromising
- single-minded, single-hearted

Let it also be known:

- God is faithful to His Word (Jer 31:31-34...1 Cor 6:9-11)
- Heb 13:8...Matt 4:17 still stand
- John 3:16...for every “whosoever”

## Leviticus Chapter 21

Regulations for priests...mediators between man and God

- v1-9            the sons of Aaron
- v10-15        the High Priest
- v16-23        the priests who are not fit for service
- v24            expectations set for the priesthood

The history of Israel...given in the Word of God for our example...reveals that the Levitical priesthood

- failed
- was a shadow of another High Priest and His priesthood

Heb 6:18-20

Heb 7:11-24

Heb 9:11-15

High Priest = the sin offering; Jer 31:31-34

Heb 10:12-22

1 Peter 2:9

Rev 1:5-6

perfected those sanctified by faith in Him  
royal priesthood

made us kings and priests to His God and Father

Note: Any other priesthood is a false priesthood...Nicolaitans “hated” by Jesus  
1 Tim 2:5

In that Light we will consider Lev 21

v1-9 Regulations for purity and holiness of the sons of Aaron

- the dead (v1-6)
- their wife (v7-8)
- their daughters (v9)

The dead

- v1        Death is a result of sin (Gen 3, Rom 6:23a)  
          Therefore, a dead body is polluted, unclean for him who is called  
          to be holy (v6)  
          Levitical priesthood...born of Aaron...were not to touch a dead  
          body or even enter a tent/house wherein was a dead body

The priesthood of Mel...those born-again of the Spirit of God...  
are also to be holy

John 3:16-18

condemned already...spiritually dead

John 8:24

unbeliever is dead, an unclean thing

2 Cor 6:14-17

witness to, but don't “touch”

v2-5 The merciful God gave the Levitical priesthood an exemption on v1...death of a loved one

- wife
- parent
- child
- sibling (unless sister is married)

They were naturally allowed to mourn the passing of a loved one

- touch
- prepare the body
- bury

But they were NOT to mourn as the Amorites did (v5, Lev 19:27-28)...

They were servants of God called to mediate between the people and God...to represent the people to God

- minister/serve at the Altar with the burnt offerings...  
100% consecration unto the LORD
- minister/serve at the Table of Shewbread...  
communion with God

To mourn as the Amorites mourned would pollute the name of God and make them unfit for service before a holy God.

The priesthood of Mel is also given an exemption to v1...living with while grieving/mourning the spiritual condition of our unsaved loved ones:

- spouse (1 Cor 7:12-16)
- parents – we don't pick our parents...  
to be a witness of God's love, honor them
- child – Deut 6:7, Prov 22:6, prodigals
- siblings – we don't pick them either...to be a witness of God's love vs throw them out of our life

All the while being careful to guard our fitness for service

2 Tim 2:22-26

1 Thes 5:22 abstain from even the appearance of evil

Rom 12:1-2 living sacrifice, not conformed, transformed

(unbelievers, especially family, are watching!)



Their wife

v7-8 The Levitical priesthood was not take a wife that had  
“become one with” any other.  
They were to marry a woman who had no previous  
“one flesh relationships”  
Since they were set apart from uncleanness/unholiness to  
minister in holy places with holy things,  
their help-mate must not be unclean/unholy

The priesthood of Mel is so called also

1 Cor 6:13b-20

Luke 16:18

John 1:17 grace of our High Priest

Their daughter

v9 The daughters of Levitical priests were not given special  
consideration...  
they were to be above reproach like all the other daughters  
of the children of Israel and  
would suffer the same judgment for playing the whore

However, because she is the daughter of a priest, the  
shame, disgrace, and ridicule for her father would  
be higher, given his calling

The same can be said for the priests of Mel  
Our children are just like other children...sinners...  
facing the temptations of the flesh/world/devil...  
stumbling and falling just like every child does...  
BUT saved by grace by The One Mediator between  
God and Man

However, when the Christian child stumbles, the  
unbelievers scream:  
“I thought you were a Christian!  
That’s why I’m not a Christian and why I don’t go  
to church.  
You’re all just a bunch of hypocrites.”

When a Christian sins, he/she gives the unbeliever cause to  
blaspheme God...and we misrepresent God

And the standard is even higher for pastors and PKs...  
who are imperfect people just like everyone else  
A weight my children have to carry that yours don’t.  
Pray for my kids when you pray for your kids.

v10-15 Regulations for purity and holiness of the High Priest

- his garments/glory (v10)
- death (v11)
- his duties (v12)
- his wife (v13-14)
- his children (v15)

His garments/glory

v10 The High Priest of the Levitical order was “above” the rest of the people...the only one

- anointed with oil
- consecrated to wear glorious garments

Repeating Lev 10:6, he was NOT to disrespect the office

- remove his miter, exposing his head
- rip his garments

The Levitical priesthood failed (Matt 26:62-65)

The High Priest of the order of Mel is Jesus Christ

- anointed with the Holy Spirit

Matt 3:16-17

- consecrated with the glory of God

Heb 2:9

Cross

John 11:25-26, 40

Resurrection

Jesus did not fail

Heb 2:17, 3:1

Death

v11 The Levitical High Priest was not to be defiled/made unclean by any death...not even that of his parents

Jesus, our High Priest, conquered death  
(requirement of the Messiah)

Acts 2:23-24 not possible to be held by death

John 10:17-18 power to lay life down, take it again

Rev 1:18 I AM he that lives, was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and I have the keys of hell and of death

## His duties

v12 The Levitical High Priest was not to be interrupted while he served the LORD in the holy places...  
he was to never leave his duties for any reason...  
nothing, no one was more important than the LORD

Jesus, our High Priest, came to do the will of the Father and  
He never got off task!

John 8:29 He that sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I do always those things that please Him.  
John 17:4 I have finished the work You gave me to do...  
Luke 23:34 Father, forgive them...  
Matt 27:46 Why have You forsaken Me?  
John 19:30 to be the Father's sin offering

## His wife

v13-14 His wife was to have had no other "one flesh relationships"  
She was to be pure and holy...  
she was to walk with him in purity and holiness

Our High Priest has such a Bride

2 Cor 11:2

Eph 4:1 walking worthy of the vocation  
wherewith we are called  
Eph 4:17 walking not as other Gentiles walk,  
in the vanity of their mind  
Eph 5:2 walking in love  
Eph 5:8 walking as children of the Light  
Eph 5:15 walking circumspectly

## His children

v15 The Levitical priesthood was to not pollute his children

- unequally yoked marriages
- "indulge" them...worldliness, lust, pride

The Levitical order failed

1 Sam 2:27-35, 3:12-14...Eli because of his sons

Jesus, the High Priest of the order of Mel, has sanctified the children of the Father in heaven

Heb 10:14 perfected forever...are sanctified

1 John 2:1, 12

1 John 4:4

1 John 5:4-5

v16-23 The priests who are unfit for service

The priests are the servants of God called to minister unto Him

- offer the burnt offerings of the people
- eat the bread of God...commune with God

The offerings had to be without blemish...so did the offer-ers

A priest was unfit for service if he had any "birth defect"

- Blind...unable to see
- Lame...unable to walk
- Flat-nosed...deformed or mutilated face
- Any extra parts...6 fingers/toes, one leg longer than the other
- Broken-footed or broken-handed...needed 2 good hands/feet
- Hunchback...unable to stand straight
- Dwarf...unable to reach the altars/Table/Candlestick...see over pulpit
- Eyes...unable to see clearly...eye correction needed
- Skin...no skin problems
- No "private" problems...unable to be fruitful and multiply

Such a defective priest could eat his portion...for he LORD was still his portion...  
but he was unfit to serve in the holy places with holy things unto a holy  
God

There are not shades of gray when it comes to "fitness to serve".  
God demands perfection

How is it in the priesthood of the order of Mel?

If defects render us unfit to serve...

- I am disqualified.
- Pedro is disqualified.
- Luis is disqualified.
- We are all disqualified...the greatest "birth defect" is our heart

Jer 17:9

Rom 3:23

Eph 2:1-3

BUT...there are no birth defects with the 2<sup>nd</sup> birth!

Eph 2:4-10

2 Cor 5:17

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new

1 John 1:9

BUT...we make ourselves unfit for service...  
the LORD is still our portion but we become unfit for service

- falling into temptation/sin...  
not useful in the Master's hands until repentance
- doing things lawful, but not expedient (are carnal)...  
brought under the power of them vs power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:12)
- pride vs humility...  
a hard heart cripples a walk with the LORD
- legalism vs grace...  
weakness of faith...blind spots in the faith
- Savior vs LORD...  
a blind spot in a personal walk/relationship  
sleeping complacency vs sold-out

BUT...our High Priest abides faithful...and His grace changes everything

John 10:27-30

Eph 5:27

1 Cor 1:7-9

1 Thes 5:23-24

Jude 24-25

v24 Expectations established

These regulations from God given to Moses were in turn given to

- Aaron
- the sons of Aaron
- the children of Israel

The LORD's expectation of the priesthood was communicated from top to bottom.

The expectation: obedience, holiness

The priests were accountable to the LORD...

and to the people whom they represented to the LORD

If the people brought their sacrifice and the priest was unfit for service, they were to call him on it and give their sacrifice to a priest that was fit for service

If you have given Jesus your heart, put your faith in Him and His finished work, would you rather be serving Him or be unfit for service...  
today, tomorrow, the day we see His face clearly?

## Leviticus Chapter 22

Instructions/regulations for the priests continue

Let us still bear in mind

1. Aaron, the Levitical High Priest, is a shadow of Jesus Christ, the High Priest of the order of Mel (Heb 7)...  
Jesus Christ is our High Priest and King (tribe of Judah, the royal tribe)
2. the sons of Aaron, the Levitical priesthood...of his body...  
is a shadow of another order of priesthood...the order of Mel...  
born-again believers in Jesus Christ are a royal priesthood...His Body  
(1 Peter 2:9, Rev 1:5-6)
3. all other priesthoods...Roman Catholic, New Age, occultic, pagan...  
acting as mediators when there is only one Mediator between God and  
man, our High Priest...  
are false priesthoods...contrary to the Word of God

Last time...the priests were not

- to be defiled by
  - death
  - pagan mourning practices
  - their wife

( we have victory over death in Jesus Christ)
- fit for service if their was any birth defect...the offer-ers of the offerings had to be without blemish (LORD was still their portion, however)  
  

(there are no birth defects in the 2<sup>nd</sup> birth in Jesus Christ)

This time...

- v1-16 to the priests: unblemished priest had to be ceremonially clean in order to serve
- v17-25 to the priests: requirements for the offerings
- v26-29 to all the people: peek at the heart of God
- v31-33 to all the people: the LORD's expectations

v1-3 separate themselves...profane not my holy name:

To be fit to serve the LORD, the priests had to be

- without birth defects
- ceremonially clean

If a priest were to take and offer a “hallowed holy thing”...

an offering from the people unto the LORD and declared clean...

while he is ceremonially unclean...

thereby making unclean that which had been declared clean and acceptable unto the LORD...

he would lose his life.

Wow!

First of all, Who says so?!

The LORD (v2, v3)

- The One True and Living God
- the Self-existent God of the covenant with AI&J
- the Creator of heaven and earth, invisible yet clearly seen by creation
- Who is holy
- To whom the holy things belong

Why is the offense worthy of such severe punishment? (A greater truth)

By so doing, such a priest would profane/smear the holy name of the LORD...with an act of brazen defiance and unbelief

And the LORD is very serious about His name!

1 Sam 12:1, 13-22

more than this great offense (rejection) against Him as their King (not a liar)

Ps 23:1-3

via the next king, His motive...because in His name there is power to save

Is 48:9

future kings...idolaters are not destroyed...

Ezk 20:8-14, 42-44

but they will be “worked”...a way back

Matt 12:31-32

Woe! But even against Jesus?

Heb 10:26-31

Spirit of Grace...of God...of Christ...

Spirit of Truth

John 14:16-17, 26

John 15:26

Ps 138:1-2

The Word has a name! The sweetest name!

Acts 4:12

1 John 2:12

Therefore, Rom 1:16-17

To profane His name is to smear Him...His Truth, Grace, Word

And there can be no forgiveness for unbelief

v4-7 whatsoever uncleanness...wash his flesh with water:

Regardless of the cause of ceremonial uncleanness...

- having an internal/external uncleanness
- touching someone/something with an uncleanness

the priest is unclean...and not to

- minister unto the LORD
- share in the holy things...

until

- he washes his flesh with water
- evening/sunset...the next day (Lam 3:22-23)

We royal priests also need to be washed of our uncleanness in order to serve our LORD (He is still our portion!)

John 13:10

Eph 5:25-27, 32

1 John 1:9

v8-9 keep mine ordinance:

Another way for a priest to make himself unclean, and therefore unfit to serve, is to eat an unclean thing

“eating an unclean thing” is to believe a lie vs the truth (John 6, Ezk 2-3)

The LORD separated out the sons of Aaron to minister unto Him, and that service defined according to His Word.

If they do not believe/obey His Word, they

- defile themselves
- defile the LORD’s house
- profane/smear the name of the LORD

And they would be “separated”...their soul from their body

The LORD’s priests...believers...are to discern and flee false doctrine  
Acts 17:11 and Ps 34:8

And this all the more important in this time of deception

Woe to the false teachers and the preachers of false Gospels!  
James 3:1



v10-13 shall not eat...shall eat:

The holy things of God are exclusive...they are for a very specific, relatively small group...chosen by the all-knowing LORD  
Apart from the burnt offerings, the holy things of the children of Israel were the LORD's provision for Aaron, his sons, and their families  
And only for them

Not permitted to eat of the holy things were

- strangers
  - different nation
  - different tribe of Israel
  - different family of Levites
- sojourners...temporary house guests
- hired help
- daughters married to strangers...different tribe or family

However, those permitted to eat were

- those redeemed by the priest...1 Cor 6:19-20, 1 Peter 2:9
- children born in his house...John 3:3, John 1:12
- childless daughter who is widowed or divorced...for where else would she go? (mercy and compassion of our God)

v14 eat...unwittingly:

In case of an unintentional meal...a mix-up of some sort...  
restitution is required

v15-16 shall not profane...or suffer:

In summary, extreme caution must be exercised in the holy things of God.  
The offer-ers and the offerings are set apart for the LORD.

In our

- service to the LORD
- handling of the Word of God (2 Tim 2:15)
- guarding our testimony (1 Peter 3:14-16, Matt 7:7)

we should not be

- careless or casual
- trite or stale/ho-hum
- flippant or disrespectful
- ignorant (Paul: "I would not have you to be ignorant" 6x)
- on-again, off-again...inconsistent because distracted by the things of the flesh and the world

Our calling is very serious...as serious as the LORD who calls us!

v17-25 freewill offerings:

The LORD instructs His priests on what is an

- acceptable offering
  - male...cattle, sheep, or goat
  - without blemish...perfect
- unacceptable offering
  - anything with a defect...not perfect
  - blind
  - broken legs/feet/ribs/etc
  - maimed/mutilated
  - diseased
  - extra parts
  - missing parts
  - bruised
  - crushed
  - cut
  - from a stranger...different nation/people (unclean)

The Standard of Acceptability (righteousness) for offerings unto the LORD: perfection

How did the Levitical priesthood do?

<u>Mal 1:6-14</u>	failure...profaning LORD's name...unbelief
<u>Mal 3:1, 7-10</u>	restoration...by belief and obedience
1 Cor 10:11	examples for our admonition

What does all this speak of?

1. What we receive...His freewill offering on our behalf

Rom 3:10-18, 23-26

John 1:29

1 Peter 1:18-19

precious blood, without blemish/spot

Rev 5:1-7

Lev 22:11

2 Cor 8:9

rich became poor, we rich

2. What we, therefore, give...our free will offering for His glory

- firstfruits...the first and best of what He has given us
- whatever, cheerfully...2 Cor 9:6-7, Luke 6:30-38
- not with ingratitude
  - leftovers
  - junk...damaged goods
  - nothing at all

When it comes to tithing and giving to those in need:

- most don't...don't trust the LORD but in their 401K
- few give first and best...trust the LORD, believe Word

v26-30 LORD spoke unto Moses:

Now the LORD is speaking to all the people about

- His heart
- His expectations

His heart:

- General offerings
  - For sacrificial purposes, a child bull/sheep/goat is not to be separated from its mother for 7 days
  - A mother and her young were not to be sacrificed on the same day

We get a peek at

- mercy of God
- He cares for His creatures (Prov 12:10)

- Offering of Thanksgiving
  - Freewill...from individual's heart unto Him
  - A response to His initiative (John 3:16)

v31-33 I am the LORD:

Strong imperatives from God:

1. keep My commandments...James 1:22
2. do not profane My holy Name...woe to those who do
3. I am God...you are not, nor is any other!
4. I am holy and must be acknowledged as such
5. I make you holy...you do not make yourself holy
6. I delivered you...by My mighty hand...you can't save yourself
7. I am God...period. In case you missed it the first time

His expectations:

- to do or say nothing that would smear His holy name  
Matt 6:9
- obedience  
1 Sam 15:22-23  
John 14:15  
John 15:14

ALTAR CALL

Come for prayer

## Leviticus Chapter 23

v1-2 these are my feasts:

Holy days/holidays, days of rest, in the Jewish ecclesiastical/religious calendar

Holy convocations: public meetings

70 days of national gathering and worship unto the LORD

- Sabbath
- 3 feasts in the Spring
- 3 feasts in the fall
- 1 feast in between

But...much more than that  
feast = "appointment"

Col 2:16-17a

Rom 15:4

This chapter is the Appointment Calendar for Jesus Christ,  
the Jewish Messiah, the Seed of the Woman

Matt 5:17

John 5:39

Rom 10:4

The 3 feasts in the Spring foreshadow His work of Redemption of  
fallen man and were literally fulfilled at His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming

The 3 feasts in the Fall are His schedule for His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming at the end of  
the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel

The 1 in between is His appointment between His 2 comings

The same pattern of the Minorah: vine + 6 branches...3 + 1 +3  
John 15:5

God is a God of set times and appointments

- v3 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest:  
 Every week there would be a holy day, a day of rest...the Sabbath  
 Gen 2:1-3
- Jesus, the Creator and sustainer of all things (Col 1, John 1, Heb 1)  
 is the LORD of the Sabbath (Matt 12:8)  
 He is our rest (Matt 11:28-30, Heb 4:1-11)  
 By His labor/work, believers are made righteous before a holy God  
 For the born-again believer in Jesus Christ, every day is Sabbath  
 ( many come here this morning heavy laden...my email...rest in Him)
- v4-5 the LORD's Passover:  
 The 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month (lunar...March/April) was the Passover
- A national remembrance of Ex 12:
- wrath of last judgment...death of firstborn
  - God's chosen covered by the blood of the Passover lamb
  - deliverance from bondage
- The foretold Appointment of the Seed of the Woman, Jesus Christ, God  
 the Son, dying on the Cross to deliver us from bondage of sin  
 John 1:29  
 1 Cor 5:7  
 Matt 27:45, 50
- The Jewish Passover seder celebration is pregnant with hints of Jesus'  
 fulfillment of this feast
- v6-8 the feast of unleavened bread:  
 The next day, the day after Passover, was another feast, the Feast of  
 Unleavened Bread
- unleavened: not puffed up...humility
- The Jews were commanded to take unleavened bread as God suddenly led  
 them out of bondage in Egypt, where they were humbled and  
 humiliated
- Fulfillment: the burial of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, the ultimate  
 humbling of our sinless substitute and Creator of life

v9-14 firstfruits:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> spring feast is the Feast of Firstfruits

Also, the anniversary of when

- Noah's Ark came to rest (Gen 6-8)...new life from sea of death
- The Red Sea Crossing (Ex 12-14)...new life from sea of death

Fulfillment: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (bodily)

1 Cor 15:20-23

v15-22 number fifty days:

7 weeks + 1 day = 50 days after the Springs Feasts...the Feast of Weeks

A harvest celebration

And the anniversary of the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai (Ex 15-20)

Notice: a celebration with leavened bread! (v17)

Fulfillment: Between the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ, is a harvest celebration aka The Church, the redeemed by the blood of the Lamb...a new offering unto the LORD (v16)

- saved by grace thru faith...
- Jew and Gentile (leaven...risen with Christ)

50 in Greek is "pente"

Pentecost

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father

Luke 24:42-49

Acts 1:4-5

Acts 2:1-4, 22-24, 32, 36-41

v23-25 blowing of trumpets:

Now, the Fall (Sept/Oct) feasts...3 foretold Appointments of Jesus Christ at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming after the judgment of Israel is complete (70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel)

Zech 12:8-10

connected with Passover...1<sup>st</sup> Coming

Zech 13:1-2, 8-9

Zech 14:1-9

Note: Hindsight is 20/20...see clearly the fulfillment of the spring feasts  
Fall feasts...Acts 17:11 until they are fulfilled and we see with  
20/20 vision

The first day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month (religious) and of the first month (civil) is also known as Rosh HaShannah...New Year

It is announced with shofars/trumpets

Trumpets were used to

- gather the people for a holy assembly
- warn of danger...9 short burst, to signal bad news or alarm
- announce the arrival of a king...1 long blast, to signify victory or good news

Future fulfillment: the arrival of the King of kings back to earth...

Mount of Olives (Acts 1:9-11)...

- to destroy His enemies, gathered in His land
- to set up His kingdom on earth
- to judge and rule with a rod of iron

v26-32 a day of atonement:

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of this month, Yom Kippur...a day of affliction, fasting/denial of the flesh, repentance, and humility

The only day the High Priest...and only the High Priest...entered the Holy of Holies in the Temple to pour out the blood of the sin offering on the Mercy Seat

Fulfillment: when Jesus returns, there will be a Temple on Temple Mount...which will be defiled by the counterfeit Christ

He will cleanse and enter the Temple, as He did in His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming

Mal 3:1

Zech 12:10

Jer 31:31-34

v33-44 feast of tabernacles:

The last of the 3 Fall feasts...Sukkot...another harvest celebration  
A week long celebration of Thanksgiving

The Jews are commanded to temporarily move out of their houses into a  
“lean-to” or tent to remember how the LORD preserved them in  
the wilderness before leading them into their inheritance, the  
Promised Land

Q: Is this the real birthday of Jesus Christ, when He temporarily moved  
out of the Father’s house into a tabernacle/tent? (John 1:1, 14)

Fulfillment: In the Millennial Kingdom (Zech 14:16-19)...after which

- Satan loosed
- final rebellion quashed
- Great White Throne Judgment
- old heaven and earth destroyed with fire
- new heaven and earth created
- eternity...in lake of fire or in heave

God is a God of set times and appointments...His plan of salvation is established

7 appointments of Jesus Christ...are they all the appointments on His calendar?  
No!

- untold number of appointments every day...200,000 + deaths  
worldwide EVERY day...most going to hell
- our personal appointment...Heb 9:27, 1 John 3:2 and 2 Cor 5:8 or hell
- Rapture of the Church, those justified by faith between His 2 comings

Between the Spring feast and the Fall feasts

(Israel is the focus and the witness of the LORD on earth)

is the Church age (the witness of Jesus on earth)...a mystery

Mark 4:11 parables...mystery of the Kingdom of God revealed (believe)

Rom 11:25 salvation of Gentiles by the Jewish Messiah

Rom 16:25-26

Eph 5:32

Col 1:25-27

- from Pentecost...Feast of Weeks, the announced birth of the Church
- to the Rapture, the unannounced snatching away of the Church...a mystery  
taught by Jesus and plainly revealed thru the Apostle Paul



John 14:1-3 with Matt 24:36 and Matt 25:13  
1 Thes 4:13-18 with 2 Cor 12:2-4

<u>John 14:1-3</u>	<u>1 Thes 4:13-18</u>
trouble (v1)	sorrow (v13)
believe (v1)	believe (v14)
God, Me (v1)	Jesus, God (v14)
told you (v2)	say to you (v15)
come again (v3)	coming of the LORD (v15)
receive you (v3)	caught up (v17)
to Myself (v3)	to meet the LORD (v17)
be where I am (v3)	ever be with the LORD (v17)

Revealed to the churches by Paul

<u>1 Thes 1:10</u>
<u>1 Thes 5:9-11</u>
<u>Rom 5:8-10</u>
<u>1 Cor 15:51-52</u> (res. of believers)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of the Jewish Messiah is not a mystery...the days are foretold  
The Rapture is a mystery...it could happen at any moment in time  
The early Church (“Ephesus”) believed and lived like Jesus could return at any moment  
That belief was lost during “Pergamos”, “Thyatira”, and “Sardis”

Why would the LORD not tell us the day or the hour of the end of the Church age?

- So we would be motivated to live holy, pure lives in an impure society  
1 Peter 1:16  
1 John 3:1-3
- So we would be awake and occupying until He came, being busy about His Father’s business (seeking/saving the lost, making disciples)  
Rom 13:11-14  
Acts 1:8

The doctrine of immanency of the Rapture is a purifying and motivating doctrine

It does not teach us to check out, to disengage, to get complacent and comfortable  
the devil, the world, and the flesh do that

It exhorts us to engage the lost...to warn them, to urge them to get on the Ark  
before it’s too late

The counterfeit Christ/antichrist is close...Jesus is even closer!

Are you ready to die?

Do you fear death?

Are you ready to meet Jesus Christ?

If Jesus were to come tonight...put joy or fear in your heart?

Are you justified by faith?

Will you be caught up...or left behind?

Do you have a burning passion for the lost...who are dying and going to hell every day?

Are you afraid to engage the lost?

You need the empowering of the Holy Spirit

Are you living a holy, pure life?

Are you trying but just can't?

You need the empowering of the Holy Spirit

Are you awake?

You had better wake up...we are closing in on being caught up to the clouds to meet Jesus!

Altar Call: Eyes closed...stand up if you want

- Salvation
- Empowering of the Holy Spirit

## Leviticus Chapter 24

Service in the Tabernacle...lampstand and shewbread (v1-9)

- supplied at community expense
- maintained/serviced by Aaron and his sons

Keywords:

- pure
- continually

Conduct in the camp (v10-23)

- man toward God
- man toward man
- man toward animal

v1-4 lamps upon the pure gold candlestick:

First, the service of the lampstand/candlestick/menorah...  
the only source of Light in an otherwise dark place

The community brought the very best oil

- pure olive oil
- clean burning...smokeless
- endless supply

Aaron the High Priest

- ordered the service 24/7 (God is a God of order vs lord over)
- to burn without ceasing, providing Light continually

Shadows:

- oil: God the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:2-6)
- lampstand: God the son, Jesus Christ (John 8:12)
- Aaron: Jesus Christ, our High Priest
- sons of Aaron: born-again believers (Matt 5:14)

v5-9 pure table:

Secondly, the table of Shewbread

The community brought the very best

- fine flour
- pure frankincense
- every week without end

The priests

- baked 12 loaves of bread, one per tribe (approx 6 lb loaves)
- put them in order on the table
- put the frankincense on the table with the bread (“for” it)
- ate the loaves as their food throughout the week
- burned the incense as a memorial
- replaced the loaves every Sabbath

Shadows and Priorities

- bread: Jesus Christ (John 6:35), Word of God
- frankincense: prayer
- priorities
  - of the Church (Acts 6:1-4)
  - ours (Matt 4:4 = LORD then our next meal/job)

Now conduct in the camp

v10-12 Blasphemed the name of the LORD:

First, man’s conduct toward the LORD God

Situation:

- A man...the son of an Egyptian father and a Jewish mother argued and fought with a Jewish man, coming to blows (strove = “laid waste”)
- The impure man blasphemed the name of the LORD, cursed... breaking the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment that demands the name of the LORD be respected and revered, not trashed
- He was arrested and put in jail/prison  
Q: Does any good ever come from coming to blows?
- While Moses sought the will of God  
Ex 20:7...not hold him guiltless...  
but what is the punishment?

v13-16 the LORD spoke unto Moses...put to death:  
The just LORD's just sentence: death

As a testimony that his blood be on his own head, all those who heard the man blaspheme God laid their hands on his head...and all the children of Israel were commanded to stone him to death

Note: This was behind the design of the Pharisees and Sadducees regarding Jesus  
This was Saul of Tarsus' justification for killing Christians

It is a capital crime to willingly, defiantly, blaspheme God...  
to not believe His Word and obey Him

Rom 6:23a

Matt 12:31

Rev 16:21

v17 killeth any man:

Now, man's conduct toward other men: 1<sup>st</sup> Degree murder  
Gen 9:6 shed, by man shall his blood be shed...image  
Rom 13:4 minister...wrath upon him that does evil

Lesson: Self-control: control of self...a fruit of the Spirit  
Be governed by the Spirit of God, not by your flesh

Today, opposition to Capital Punishment is in opposition to  
God's unchanging, revealed will

v18 killeth a beast:

Man's conduct toward "working animals" and other property

The man who killed another man's animal would make the other man  
whole and suffer the loss himself

v19-20 if a man cause...so shall it be done to him:

More about man's conduct toward other men: Retribution

Fair retribution vs revenge (retribution Plus!)

Lesson: Control your temper!  
Be governed by the Spirit of God at all times

Jesus taught the Spirit of this law in Matt 5:38-39 (other cheek)

v21-22 restore...put to death...have one manner of law:  
A summary or repetition of “earthly” conduct

God is not a respecter of persons...God’s Word applies to all men...  
whether they believe it or not

v23 children of Israel did:

Regarding the situation of the defiant blasphemer

- God spoke to Moses
- Moses heard and spoke to the children of Israel
- the children of Israel heard and obeyed

God’s expectation of us: to heard and obey...immediately  
James 1:22

## Leviticus Chapter 25

The Jews arrived at Mount Sinai in Ex 19...they are still there, receiving the Law  
This portion of the Law is about the land: Sabbatical Years

Before we get started...the land belongs to Who?

v23

Ezk 38:16

Ps 24:1

- but the land of Canaan/Israel is special
- everything belongs to the LORD...all things are “on lease” to us

v1-4 shall the land keep a Sabbath:

Regarding this special land, the LORD commands His people to give  
His land a rest every 7<sup>th</sup> year...that it would be replenished of its  
nutrients/vitality by God-sent rain (soil conservation)

The basis for our Government’s decision 75 years ago to pay farmers to let  
portions of their land lie fallow for a growing season

The rest given to the land was to be complete

- the people were not to “work” it in any fashion
- all the land was to be given a rest, not any of it was to be worked

Like the other parts of the Law, obedience

- is expected by the LORD
- requires faith by the people...faith in the Father in heaven

Quite honestly, this is a very significant test of faith:

To “do nothing” and just pray you don’t starve to death

Do you believe your Father in heaven and trust He will provide as  
He has said...

or will you not believe/trust and take matters into your own hands?

Did Israel believe?

No.

Was God good to His Word?

Yes...70 years captivity to give the land rest from 490 years of  
disobedience/unbelief (2 Chron 36:21)

Does God’s Word still hold true?

**It's a 'shmita' miracle! (02.08.2008.19:00)**

In what some potato farmers in the Negev are taking as a sign from God, the recent frost that ravaged produce across the nation selectively passed over some crops - as if guided, they say, by a divine hand. Potatoes planted in the Negev before the beginning of the shmita (sabbatical) year, in accordance with the biblical prohibition against plowing, sowing and many other field chores, were spared the damages caused by sharp drops in temperature last week. In contrast, potatoes that were planted during the shmita year - which began at nightfall on September 13, the first day of the Jewish year of 5768 - were decimated. Farmers who planted during the shmita year relied on a contested halachic leniency called "heter mechira," or "permitted sale," under which Jewish-owned land is temporarily sold to a non-Jew for the duration of the shmita year. This "sale" abrogates the holiness of the land and exempts farmers from adhering to the laws proscribing field work. [God sees thru the loopholes]

v5-7 groweth of its own accord:

A year of intense dependence upon the LORD...a child upon the Father...  
but a year of hunger and idleness?

- Hunger
  - without human effort...by the grace of the Creator...  
the land would "of its own accord" produce a crop
  - the produce of the land did not belong to the "leaser" of  
the land...its was to be shared by all, man and beast
  - the Creator did not let His creatures starve
- Idleness/slothfulness
  - Prov 19:15 idle soul shall suffer hunger
  - Prov 21:25 desire of slothful kill...refuse to labor
  - Deut 31:10-13

Due to

- God's hand being removed from this nation
- the devil's attack upon this fellowship

a significant number of men/fathers in this fellowship have lost their jobs,  
as our economy worsens

To those men and their families – take heart:

- the LORD is testing/strengthening your faith
- the Father in heaven will not let you go hungry!
- this is a season of rest/conservation...but not idleness
  - seek the Father, commune with Him...rest in Him
  - commune with each other...a blessing
  - pursue work...don't be lazy



v8-13 hallow the fiftieth year:

The 7<sup>th</sup> year is a Sabbath year...the 49<sup>th</sup> year would be a Sabbath year...  
and so would be the 50<sup>th</sup> year

Back-to-back Sabbath years every 50 years...no work for 2 years

On average, once in a lifetime, a HUGE test of faith (and blessing)

The Year of Jubilee (“continuous blast of the horn”...good news!)

- hallowed...holy, sacred
- starting on the Day of Atonement...a day of affliction
- to proclaim liberty/freedom and restoration...
  - debts forgiven/paid in full
  - ledgers zero-ed out
  - inheritance restored
  - a “fresh start”, a “clean slate”
- to rest (Sabbath) the land a 2<sup>nd</sup> year

v14-17 shall not oppress one another:

The land is the LORD’s...He has given it to the Jews as their inheritance  
“on lease”...they cannot buy and sell it amongst themselves.

But they could buy and sell crops, sub-leasing the land, if you will

Governing such transactions was

1. fairness...not to defraud or take advantage of each other

- In Year 10:
  - sub-lease the land for the remaining 40 years
  - price = 80% full value...40 years of crops
- in Year 40:
  - sublease for the remaining 10 years
  - price = 20% full value...10 years of crops

2. fear...of the Land LORD

1 Thes 4:6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his  
brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord  
*is* the avenger of all such

v18-19 do...safety:

“If you do as I say, you will live in safety.

You will not go hungry because the land will produce for you and you will be protected, living without fear of your enemies.”

God commands...we obey...God blesses our obedience (all unnatural)

Men without jobs:

Hear and obey what God says...honor Him and He will bless you.

Don't listen to the liar who wants you to be fearful, unbelieving, and self-sufficient

You are in the Father's hands and you are safe.

v20-22 What shall we eat the seventh year?:

The liar, the enemy of your soul, will bombard you with doubt/fear.

“What are you going to eat?

How are you going to pay the mortgage/rent?

What about medical insurance?”

In the ears of God, those are questions of little faith or flat out unbelief...

Gen 3 all over again

Listen to what He...Whose name is Jehovah-jireh...has to say:

- “I will command My blessing upon you...I will command My land to produce for you...for 3 years.”

Israel: In Year 49 (Sabbath) + Year 50 (Sabbath) + Year 1 (until harvest)

- Matt 6:31-34
- John 6:26-29
- Ps 46:1, 10-11
- Ps 37:5-7a, 23-25
- Eph 3:20 exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think
- “Do you trust Me?” (every day)

The Lord faithfully and abundantly provides for those who trust in Him.

I can testify. Can I get another witness?

Those who believe the Word of God and trust in the Father's provision...

in spite of what the devil and the world and the flesh scream...

shall occupy in peace and safety and His provision will exceed the need

To the flesh, this just does not make any sense...

but Is 55:8-9

v23 the land is Mine:

The land of Israel is not for the Jews...or USA, EU, Russia, UN...to sell.  
Ownership cannot be transferred!

Why the LORD is so upset with the nations attempting to divide His land  
(Joel 3:1-3) and a reason God is removing His hand from this land

We cannot understand the headline news today unless understand  
the Book of Leviticus (who would have thought, huh?)

v24-28 shall grant a redemption of the land:

Redemption of the land

When a Jew fell on hard times...land-rich but cash-poor...

and sub-leased his inheritance, the land could be redeemed by

- a kinsman-redeemer  
Jesus Christ for whosoever (Gen 3, Rev 5)
- himself, if better times followed

The redemption price to be refunded to the sub-leaser would be calculated  
by the number of years remaining to the Year of Jubilee

And the land would be restored to the leaser

If neither a kinsman-redeemer nor the man could redeem the land before  
the Year of Jubilee, the land would automatically be restored to  
him at the Year of Jubilee horn blast

To the man out of work:

You are a leaser of all you have...

all you have belongs to the LORD, the Father in heaven,  
the Giver of every good and perfect gift with whom is no changing  
or shadow of turning

(He knows what He is doing!)

This is a time of conservation:

- Simplify...radically change your consumer habits
- Down-size...perhaps you consumed more than you  
produced (debt)
- Shed assets...sub-lease/sell things you do not need
- Cling to the LORD instead of material possessions

v29-34 sell a dwelling house:

Houses sold in a walled city...not attached to any land...were merely personal property

A seller could redeem the house within 12 months...but after that, ownership was transferred to the buyer

Houses outside such a city, in villages, were attached to the land and, as such were seen by the LORD as part of the land.

Law for the redemption of the land applied

Exception: A house of a Levite could be redeemed at any time... whether in a walled city (City of Refuge) or in a village

v35-38 thou shalt relieve him:

How were those who befell hard times to be treated by the others?

- relief...more than sympathy, concrete material assistance
  - take them into your house to live
  - buy groceries
  - fill up their tank with gas
- lend money...interest-free
  - helping the down-trodden is not a business enterprise
  - if Luke 6:35 be true, how much more so for a brother!
- as God, the God of the poor, has treated you in leading you out of the bondage you were in
- as you would want to be treated if roles were reversed
- the things families do...Acts 4:32, Gal 6:10

v39-43 not compel him to serve as:

Those not down-trodden are NOT to rule over him with rigor... abuse, take advantage of

That brother is God's servant freed from bondage...to be treated as such Ex 1:7-14...and consider what God did to the Egyptians!

Eph 6:9      knowing your Master is in heaven...  
Col 4:1      (and He sees/hers/knows everything)

For those who can provide a job, hire a brother without a job.

Be gracious and generous. Until he gets back on his feet.

For those without a job, accept it graciously and be thankful

v44-46 of the heathen...buy bondmen and bondmaids:

Remember, the children of Israel are headed into the Promised Land, their promised inheritance, where they'll be the LORD's instrument of judgment upon the Amorites and Canaanites, whose sin is now full

Part of that judgment is slavery

1 K 9:20-21

This not justification for commercial slavery in our national past

v47-55 sell himself:

The Redemption of a life

If a man's hard time was such that he sold himself into the service of another, his life could be redeemed

- by a kinsman-redeemer...
- by himself, if circumstances improved and he were able

The redemption price will be in accordance with the years remaining until the Year of Jubilee, when things are made new

What was our redemption price?

The blood/life of our Creator...why

- the incarnation of God the Son (John 1:14)
- no man can redeem himself (Matt 19:24-26)

We the redeemed await the "Year of Jubilee"!

Rom 8:18-23

Rev 21:1-5a

Rev 22:1-5

To those who have lost jobs and those facing other hard trials...

be encouraged...the LORD has already redeemed our life.

You can trust Him to provide for you and your family and to lead you thru this season!

Have faith

Fear not!

There is no fear in love.

Perfect love casts out fear.

## Leviticus Chapter 26

This is the conclusion to the Law given to the children of Israel via Moses...  
it is a logical conclusion

- Blessings for obedience...faith (v3-13)
- Curses for disobedience...unbelief (v14-39)

This will be spoken again...to these people's children...in Deut 28

v1-2 idols...image...sabbaths...sanctuary:

These are the basics of the Law

- Worship Me...and Me alone
- When I say
- How I say
- Where I say

The Law Giver is not the Law Negotiator...no compromise is expected

Idols: "things of naught"..."nothings"

1 Cor 8:4 we know that an idol is nothing in the world

For us: houses, cars, boats, 401Ks, businesses/careers that  
"out rank" the LORD...are "nothings"

Nothing will come of them...

all are piles of ashes waiting to happen...vanity, folly

Images: of creatures or of carnal pleasures/lusts...objects of worship

final analysis: worship of self, who made the image or indulges in  
the pleasure

Sabbaths: days and years...times of rest/communion with the LORD

Sanctuary: the house of the LORD...holy and undefiled, worthy of fear,  
awe, respect

I am the LORD:

He alone is worthy of worship, communion, reverence

His Word is truth...[Ps 19:7-10](#)

His people have a choice to make....to believe and do...or not

First, the Good News...blessings for obedience

v3-13 walk...keep...do:

Obedience is

- a choice of man's free will
- active/action...in the doing

The "wellspring" is love and faith (Hab 2:4, Heb 11:6)

Because He first humbled Himself and loved us (choice),

we humble ourselves and love Him more than ourselves (choice)

We chose to obey...by faith, out of love

The "wellspring" is love and faith, not knowledge or sight or emotion

The evidence of obedience is seen, not heard

The blessings of obedience promised the children of Israel

1. rain (v4a)

The Creator is absolutely sovereign, in complete control of His creation...where it rains and where it doesn't

Man, given the job to work the land, is utterly dependent upon his Creator for the desired result

- for the sown seed to germinate...die and bring forth new life  
[ 2000 year old seed from Masada ]
- to send the rain to water/nurture that new life... when it is needed and not when it is harmful

And especially so in the land of Canaan, not watered by a river (rain in other lands) like Egypt, but dependent upon rain on that land

2. bountiful harvests (v4b-5a)  
satisfied, never in want

### 3. safety and peace (v5b-8)

notice order: safety and peace, not peace and safety  
(false message, 1 Thes 5:3)

- live in safety: confidence/assurance/boldness...no fear  
Our definition of safety...ease, comfort zones,  
planning a work, working a plan,  
money in the bank...is self-centered

But where is safety? Prov 21:31, Phil 3:3

Where is peace? John 16:33, Rom 5:1

Where is safety and peace?

Wherever the LORD leads

His plan...out of our comfort zones

His passion...to love people...to  
seek and save lost sheep

The desire for safety (man's definition) stands in the  
way of every undertaking of the LORD

- spouse, children
- Children's Ministry
- Street/Park Ministry
- Van Buren
- Guadalupe (door-to-door)
- workplace evangelism
- Throne of Satan...Cairo, Egypt

How do we lay hold of safety...and be useful?

Obedience...to the Word of God and to the  
leading of the Holy Spirit

- peaceful sleep...rested, refreshed
- the land "tamed"...cleared of wild animals
- easy victories...against all ("perfect") odds
  - military
  - 20:1
  - 100:1

Seen repeatedly in our day in Israel, as the  
Lord protects His people from vastly  
larger enemy forces

- spiritual

Eph 6:10-12

2 Cor 10:3-5



4. His favor/regard (v9-10)

A caring, watchful eye over them

- many children (Gen 15:5)
- a right relationship with Him
- surplus...greater than national consumption + trade (will be a “bread basket”)

5. His presence in their midst (v11-12)...in their “center”

John 1:1, 14...11-12

your yoke...you go upright:

Who is making all these glorious promises of blessings for obedience to His Law?

The LORD Who

- delivered them from slavery to cruel taskmasters in Egypt
- broke that heavy yoke...
  - to give them an easy yoke and a light burden  
Matt 11:28-30 to learn: meek, lowly of heart  
1 Peter 5:7  
Gal 6:2 bear other’s burden, law of Christ
  - by bearing that yoke Himself  
Is 53 our griefs, sorrows, iniquities,  
afflictions, bruises, penalty  
Gal 5:1 not entangled again yoke of bondage

v14-15 will not hearken...not do all...despise...abhor:

Now, the Bad News...curses for disobedience

Unspeakable calamity will befall Israel if they do not obey...

how much of the Law?

ALL (James 2:10)

What kind of obedience does the LORD require?

- immediate
- complete
- unconditional

v16-39 is the history of Israel...history given in advance and recorded in

Judges thru Malachi, into the Gospels, and yet future (70<sup>th</sup> Week)

because they

- did not/do not believe
- ignored and are ignorant of
- were/are contemptible of
- abhorred like a vile thing

the Word of God

Notice as we go thru it, Israel is repeatedly warned against continued disobedience, each warning more intense than the previous

1. set My face against you (v17)
2. I will break (v19)
3. walk contrary to you (v24)
4. walk contrary to you with fury (v28)

Note: Because the history of Israel was given for our admonition (1 Cor 10:11) and USA is now in great disobedience, perhaps we might understand USA history in the making

v16-17 I will even appoint over you:

The “fruit” of disobedience: God will set His face against them (Woe!)

- terror...suddenly
- emaciation, starvation (Matt 4:4, Amos 8:11)
- disease
- sorrow
- military defeat
- foreign occupation and oppression

Note: USA is for sale (roads, buildings, ports, trade deficits).  
Who is buying?  
Our enemies (Islamic nations and China)

v18-20 will not yet...hearken...seven times:

If after “Round 1” Israel will still not obey, a stronger warning:

Your punishment will be multiplied by 7...and I will break you

- their strength, confidence in the flesh...  
and the arrogance it fosters...will be broken

Breaking always hurts more than bending and stretching.

Note: Their pride today is their military, esp Air Force  
(Lebanon...exercise over Greece...Ezk 38)

- iron skies...heat, no rain
- brass ground...hard, famine
- hard labor...for nothing (“Want ‘nothing’? I’ll give you nothing”)...very disheartening and discouraging

v21-22 if ye walk contrary...seven times more:

If after “Round 2” Israel still would not obey, walking “hostile to” the LORD their God, the warning is repeated:

Your punishment will be multiplied by 7 and the chastisement will continue

- wild beasts will destroy your children and your livestock
  - literal
  - kings (Jer 50:17, Neb to sheep of Israel, Hitler, Stalin,)
- rather than as numerous as the stars in the sky, you will be very few in number
- the roads will be empty...no tourists, no traders/merchants

v23-26 will I also walk contrary to you:

If after “Round 3” Israel does not repent but insists on walking contrary to the LORD, the strongest warning yet is issued by the LORD:

Then I will walk contrary to you (“hostile” like an enemy) and I will “strike” you 7 times for your sins against Me.

(Woe!)

- enemies serving as His instruments of judgment will come to avenge their offense against the LORD
- pestilence...food stores, health
- food rationing and continual hunger

v27-35 walk contrary...in fury:

If after “Round 4” Israel still has a stiff-neck and refuses to obey the Word of God, the LORD issues His most severe warning:

I will walk contrary (“hostile”) to you (like an enemy)...in fury (rage, wrath, incensed with no regard for them).

And your chastening will be multiplied by 7.

- cannibalism (2 Kings 6:29 in Samaria, Lam 4:10 in Judah)
- abhorrence by their God: a dunghill of idols, ruined idolatrous worship centers, and *idolaters*
- cities laid waste
- “deaf ear” and a rejection of all sacrifices
- land made desolate...”How could a land flowing with milk and honey become so desolate?!” (by the judgment of God)
- dispersion...wandering Jew, homeless, hounded, and hated

v36-39 them that are left:

The remnant that survives the curses of God for disobedience will be

- faint of heart...uncontrollable fear...like scared rabbits  
Prov 28:1 the wicked flee when no man pursues
- no power to resist their enemies, to defend themselves
- die in foreign lands...in great numbers
- melt in their iniquity...like butter on a Phx sidewalk in July

v40-43 If they shall confess:

However...if Israel

- confesses their sin  
(which they will when they look upon him whom they have pierced and mocked and scorned and despised and abhorred  
Zech 12:10, Matt 27:25)
- acknowledge that they have opposed God  
(and themselves in so doing)
- acknowledge they rightfully deserved all of the LORD's chastisement
- will humble themselves before their God
- without complaint, take full responsibility for their choices and not blame anyone else
- circumcise their hearts

the LORD will

- forgive their iniquities  
Forgiveness requires repentance; "You are right, I am wrong. I will radically change directions."
- remember His covenant with J&A and will remember His land  
turn back time, restore the years the locusts have eaten

v44-45 I will not cast them away:

To conclude His conclusion...an awesome promise of His faithfulness to those who will not believe/obey/be faithful

I wonder if this is where Josiah was reading when he rent his clothes

2 Kings 22:8-13

Finding, reading, believing the Word of God started a revival!

We need revival...confession, repentance, restoration!

- Personal...find the Word of God
- National...find the Word of God
- Israel...find the Word of God

Israel will never be wiped off the face of the map...

by God or by their enemies

They will be preserved by grace

Rom 11:1-5, 11-24, 29-32

As such, Jer 16:11-15

And they WILL fulfill the LORD's design for them –  
to be His witness to the nations

v46 in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses:

The end of the Law...or should I say Rom 10:4

Final Note: This chapter provides one of the most stunning examples of the Divine, supernatural origins of this Book, the Bible

[ Servitude and Desolation ]

Altar call

- Abandon safety that hinders the work of the LORD
- Revival: confession, repentance, restoration
- Prayer

## Leviticus Chapter 27

Leviticus ends with non-covenant Laws about Vows...  
free will offerings/gifts for the work of the LORD's house

v2-8	persons
v9-13	animals
v14-15	houses
v16-25	fields
v26-33	things that cannot be freewill offerings or redeemed

Freewill offerings: voluntary...a manifestation of the heart

Examples:

- Offerings for the work of this house of the LORD
  - Teaching believers and preaching to unbelievers
    - Sunday, Wednesday
    - *Only By Grace* (20,000-25,000...twice per day!)
  - Children's Ministry
  - Youth Ministries
  - Men's Ministry
  - Women's Ministry
  - Spanish Ministry

We do not pass the plate or the bag or the hat

2 Cor 9:6-7

Model: John 3:16, Rom 5:8

- Offerings for the work of "Still Waters" orphanage in Egypt  
(Ps 23...from vantage point of orphan and widow)

Why are we doing "Still Waters"?

- James 1:27
- Following our Good Shepherd, walking thru opening doors...  
and "praying in" God's provision
  - To strengthen the faith of the believers...to live by faith  
(ex.: Vision trip 81% funded + 2 pledges)
  - To witness of the love and grace of Jesus Christ to the  
unbelievers

VBS "pledged" \$300...LORD honored...over \$700

On other hearts: Car Wash = \$491...Calvary Café = \$362

v1-8 make a singular vow...by thy estimation:

A person comes forward to make a

- “separate”...from tithes
- “wonderful”...from a heart overflowing with love

promise to the LORD of a financial gift for the LORD’s work.

The offering is

- himself
- his wife
- his child

Not literally himself or his wife or his child...but a monetary gift based on an established, standard valuation of the work the “offered person” is capable of

	<u>1 mo - 5 years</u>	<u>5 - 20</u>	<u>20 - 60</u>	<u>60 +</u>
male	5	20	50	15
female	3	10	30	10

This is an offering to be given unto the LORD within a specified time based on the ability to do work

The more fit for labor the person is, the higher the valuation

Is this saying men are more valuable to the LORD than women?

Absolutely not!

1 Peter 3:7 weaker vs stronger...  
but women work harder and longer  
(my mother, my wife, my sisters)

This is a promise to the LORD, not a commandment from the LORD

2 Kings 12:4-5

Is 58:12

As such...a gift from the heart must come after a heart check

Ps 76:11

if you make a promise, deliver on it

Ecc 5:3b-5

Prov 20:25

Exception to the standard valuation: the poor man

Unable to pay the standard, his offering is “customized”...  
valued fairly

v9-13 a beast...shall be holy:

If a person offered one of his livestock for the LORD's work...an animal

- not for sacrifice
- good or bad (imperfect and/or unfit for sacrifice)

it was set apart unto the LORD, given to the priests...not to be

- swapped for a different kind of animal
- exchanged for a different animal of the same kind

It would be fairly valued "as is"

If it were an animal that could not be sacrificed unto the LORD...  
with the LORD and His priests getting their portions...

- not an ox, sheep, or goat
- imperfect

then the priest could sell it at a fair price

If the person who offered the animal later decides he wants it back,  
he can redeem it...at full value received + 20% surcharge

The priests lived and worked from these offerings

The 20% surcharge is intended to

- bring stability to the priests
- to cause a person to do a heart check before bringing  
his gift or making a promise to the LORD

v14-15 his house...estimate it:

If a man promises to give his house, he promised to give unto the LORD  
a monetary gift equal to the value of his house...  
determined by a fair estimate of it "as is" by the priest

This is different than dedicating one's house unto the LORD, as we did in  
1996 when we got here after suffering devastation in CA...  
HF was the birth of this church

If that man wanted to redeem his house...  
to lift his promise to the LORD from his house...  
he was required to pay a 20% surcharge

Don't rashly make promises to the LORD, like Japhthah did in  
Judges 11



v16-21 sanctify...a field of his possession:

Now, the instance where a man offered to the LORD a field or a portion of a field in his inheritance.

The land is the LORD's...

it was leased to the children of Israel, His servants

So the man is offering a financial gift based on a standard valuation of the produce of that land for a specified period of time...

until the Year of Jubilee, after which time his vow is fulfilled

If he wanted to be free of his vow before the Year of Jubilee, he paid a 20% surcharge

However, if he

- sub-leases the land during the time of his vow
- chooses to "let it ride" after the Year of Jubilee

the field becomes devoted to the LORD...i.e. the property of the priest of the LORD

v22-25 not of the fields of his possession:

If a sub-leaser of the land makes the field or a portion of the field his freewill offering unto the LORD, the land returns to the leaser in the Year of Jubilee...it is his inheritance

Note: All of the above vows

- persons
- animals
- fields

are valued by the priest

The underlying "assumption" is that the priests will be honest, selfless, honorable, and fair in their valuations

What happened in Israel's history, given for our admonition?

The Levitical order of priesthood failed

- Eli's sons
- Samuel's sons
- Pharisees and Sadducees
- "den of thieves" twice cleansed by Jesus, the High Priest after the order of Mel

Repeatedly, enticed by the things of the world, the priests would fleece God's flock, rather than tend and feed His flock

Ezk 34

Nothing new under the sun!

The only order of priests that does not fail –  
the order of Mel because only God cannot fail  
Jer 3:15

v26-27 no man shall sanctify it:

Some things were “off limits” when it came to

- making a freewill offering unto the LORD
- redemption

First and foremost: the firstborn of the animals

Ex 13:2

Sacred by God’s Word, the firstborn already belong to Him  
You cannot give to God what is already His to begin with.  
A freewill offering cannot be what is the LORD’s by Law.

The firstborn of an unclean animal could be

- redeemed...at “fair market value” + 20% surcharge
- sold by the priests

v28-29 no devoted thing...surely be put to death:

Also “off limits”...persons and things condemned...  
devoted = ”doomed to destruction”

No one could redeem the life of a person judged guilty of a capital crime  
(murder, adultery, child rape, etc)

The LORD’s judgment could not be averted by any loophole

v30-31 all the tithes of the land:

Also “off limits” as freewill offerings – tithes

This chapter is about “singular vows” (v2)...

- things not commanded
- freewill offerings
- separate and wonderful promises

Offerings from the heart for the work of the LORD

The tithes already belong to God

Mal 3:7-10

Want to borrow from God? He charges 20%.

Better to depend upon God...by faith...and see what He will do!

v32-33 tithe of the herd or of the flock:

Lastly, the LORD's portion of the livestock...

10%, every tenth animal regardless of its condition...

is also "off limits" when it comes to a vow unto him and cannot be redeemed

v34 These are the commandments:

Thus ends the Law of God as given to Moses on Mount Sinai,  
between the exodus from Egypt and the entering of the Promised  
Land

An eternal perspective on freewill offerings and valuation...

Freewill offering: John 3:16

Valuation: 1 Peter 1:18-19...the highest possible price (fair?)

Status: 1 Cor 6:19-20 and Eph 4:30

Rom 8:35-39

We cannot be "bought back" by  
the flesh (dead),  
the world (doomed), or  
the devil (defeated)

What creature can add 20% to the very highest of  
prices possible?

How much do you value Jesus' offering to redeem you?  
Col 1:18 He wants pre-eminence

Warning: Matt 6:19-21

Luke 21:28